



## Pierce County Human Services Help Plan for the Future of Your Community!

You are invited to help the Pierce County Consortium create and assist in Fair Housing Planning and the Human Services 2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and HOME programs. Participation opportunities include completing Fair Housing and Community Needs Surveys and attending a public meeting and public hearing held by the Human Services Citizens' Advisory Board (CAB) on October 2 at 6 pm as noted below.

### **Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice**

Fair housing is the right to choose housing free from discrimination. Federal and state housing laws protect people from discrimination in housing transactions such as rentals, sales, lending, and insurance. As a grantee of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding, the County is required to take steps to affirmatively further fair housing within its jurisdiction which includes Unincorporated Pierce County and the 18 cities and towns in the Consortium. As part of these efforts, the County must complete a comprehensive AI. The goal of the study is to identify whether barriers to fair housing choices exist in the Pierce County consortium. The AI reviews the general state of fair housing in the public and private sector, the enforcement of fair housing law, efforts to promote fair housing, access to credit for housing, and general constraints to the availability of a full range of housing types. To participate the County released a Fair Housing survey that is available in English and Spanish. The survey can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019PierceCountyResidentSurvey>. Paper copies, including those in other languages, are available upon request by contacting Vy Yun at (253) 798-6109 or [vy.yun@piercecountywa.gov](mailto:vy.yun@piercecountywa.gov). The list of Consortium cities and towns is available at: <https://www.co.pierce.wa.us/4853/Community-Development-Block-Grant-Progra>.

### **2020 – 2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan**

Human Services is conducting a Community Needs Survey to hear from residents from Unincorporated Pierce County and the 18 cities and towns in the Consortium what social services are most important. By filling out the survey residents can help identify where and how the County offers services in the future. The survey can be accessed at: <https://www.co.pierce.wa.us/2130/Community-Development>  
Paper copies, including those in other languages, are available upon request by contacting Vy Yun at (253) 798-6109 or [vy.yun@piercecountywa.gov](mailto:vy.yun@piercecountywa.gov).

### **Public Meeting and Public Hearing**

In addition to the surveys noted above, the CAB invites residents to provide input on the AI and the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 6 pm at 3602 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98418. Human Services will provide reasonable

accommodations for persons with disabilities and translation services. To request these services call (253) 798-6917 or TDD/Voice (800) 833-6388 five days before October 2.

For more information on the AI and Consolidated Plan, as well as any other opportunities to participate, please contact Bryan Schmid, Affordable Housing Supervisor at (253) 798-6909 or [bryan.schmid@piercecountywa.gov](mailto:bryan.schmid@piercecountywa.gov) or Stephanie Bray, Acting Community Services Programs Manager at (253) 798-6917 or [stephanie.bray@piercecountywa.gov](mailto:stephanie.bray@piercecountywa.gov).