

JOIN THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY'S HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The mission of the Housing Advisory Committee (HAC) is to advise the Housing Authority Board of Directors on policy matters, identify housing issues, and recommend programs and services for the low- and moderate-income residents of Washington County.

The Housing Advisory Committee (HAC) is currently fully staffed and not seeking new applicants.

The Housing Advisory Committee typically conducts recruiting and interviews in December or January each year as current member terms expire. In addition, there are occasionally recruitments mid-year when there are unexpected vacancies. If you are interested in serving on the committee, you can complete an application at any time (link below). The application submitted will be valid for 12 months; if there is an opening during that time, staff will contact you for more information.

What is the Housing Advisory Committee?

The Housing Advisory Committee is a group of 15 community members who live and/or work in Washington County. The Housing Advisory Committee meets with Housing Authority staff monthly, to learn about housing issues in our community and the work being done to meet the need. Housing Advisory Committee members come from a wide variety of backgrounds, each contributing to the committee with their own area of experience and expertise.

The Housing Authority of Washington County provides affordable housing support to more than 3,000 households. The agency also has taken a lead in the County's response to homelessness, with expansive work to provide both permanent and emergency shelter resources. In recent years the Housing Authority has facilitated development of thousands of additional units of affordable housing, through partnerships with the public and private sector.

As a committee member you will attend regular meetings to learn about how Housing Authority programs and services are working throughout the County, and to advise on different topics related to low-income housing. The Committee meets monthly, with ten meetings a year plus a luncheon gathering in December. Committee meetings are held at our office in Hillsboro, with an option to attend virtually. Committee members are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners for a term of four years. Appointment to a second four-year term may be granted at the discretion of the Board.

To apply, please <u>click here</u> and choose "Housing Advisory Committee" from the list. Contact <u>melissa sonsalla@washingtoncountyor.gov</u> to learn more.