



# **Office of Housing Change Team/RSJI:**

## **Report to Finance & Housing Committee**

SPRING 2022



**Seattle**  
Office of Housing

# Presentation

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- OH and equity
- Demographics served
- Investments
- Policy and programs
- Capacity building



# How does OH's work address issues of equity?

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Investments in  
**affordable rental**  
and  
**homeownership/**  
**homeowner**  
**stabilization**  
opportunities



Development of  
affordable  
housing **policies**  
and **programs**



**Support for**  
**organizations**  
rooted in BIPOC  
communities

# Demographics served

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- Rental housing program

60% of rental households are BIPOC

72% of households are Extremely Low-income (30% AMI)

42% are special needs households (elderly, mental illness, chemical addiction, etc.)

- Home repair, weatherization, and homeownership programs

45% of homebuyer assistance households are BIPOC

58% of households in the Home Wise program are Extremely Low-Income (30% AMI)

# Investments in Affordable Rental Housing

In 2021, **33%** of new development projects funded were with developers grounded in BIPOC communities

**All Rapid Acquisition funding** went to BIPOC organizations

## Rental Housing Funded in 2021



BUILDING HOPE AND A FUTURE



CHIEF SEATTLE CLUB



# Investments in Affordable Rental Housing

- **El Centro de la Raza – Columbia City**

- 87 homes, funded Fall NOFA 2021
- El Centro is a Latinx-led organization grounded in the Latinx community



- **Chief Seattle Club – Goldfinch**

- 63 homeless units, Rapid Acquisition funding
- Chief Seattle Club is dedicated to physically and spiritually supporting American Indian and Alaska Native People



- **Filipino Community Village**

- 94 homes, completed 2021
- Filipino Community of Seattle vision has served the Filipino community for over 80 years



# Investments – Rainier Valley Homeownership Initiative

Create at least **100 permanently affordable homes** for first-time homebuyers

**Prevent displacement** of current Rainier Valley residents

Build capacity for CBOs to participate in **development and long-term stewardship** of land



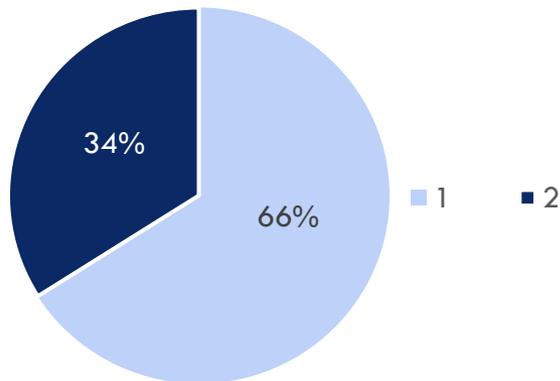
# Policy and programs

- COVID-19 Response – Emergency Rental Assistance

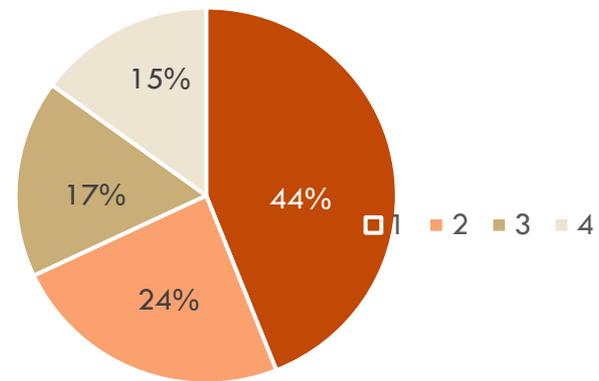
Distributed over **\$30.1M to over 7,000 households** between July 2021 and March 2022

Partnered with United Way of King County and numerous community-based organizations

Head of households served



Incomes served



# Policy and programs

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- Notice of Intent to Sell (NOIS)

**Preservation program focused on providing early notification of the sale** of naturally recurring affordable housing to the City, affordable housing providers and tenants

OH is currently reviewing gaps in the program with the goal to make the program more equitable and responsive to community needs

- Clean Heat Program

Free program converting oil-heated homes to electric heated system to **reduce energy costs and help City achieve its carbon reduction goals**

Outreach and engagement **focused on environmental justice in BIPOC communities** of Duwamish Valley, Beacon Hill, and Rainier Valley

Goal to convert 125 low-income, single-family households in 2022

# Policy and programs

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- 2020/21 Racial Equity Reflection and Visioning

Change Team completed a two years-long process of collecting and prioritizing racial equity ideas

Letter from former Director Alvarado committed to priority work areas: Equitable Homeownership, Place-Based Community Wellness, Capacity Building and Removing Barriers, and Team-Generated Ideas

OH continuing to develop priority work areas with Director Winkler-Chin

# Policy and programs

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- Community Preference



**Gardner House**



**Jackson Heights**

# Capacity building of organizations



Building a database of homeowners at risk of displacement

Assist with resources and information



Partnering with Rebuild Together Seattle to provide homeowners with home repair grants



Capacity building for BIPOC organizations in homeownership through LISC



**Thank you!**



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