

The City is creating a Housing Action Plan to make sure a variety of housing is available and affordable for people of all incomes in Lynnwood. The Plan will address current and future housing needs. When complete in early 2021, Lynnwood's Housing Action Plan will be a roadmap to help the City implement housing policies, programs, and strategies.

Lynnwood's Housing Action Plan is:

- An actionable policy document that outlines how to meet all of Lynnwood's housing needs.
- Based on data and analysis vetted and grounded through an inclusive and robust public process.
- A comprehensive approach to leverage resources and implement cohesive, effective, and feasible housing strategies tailored to the Lynnwood community.
- Tailored to the housing needs of the Lynnwood community to ensure decent, safe, and affordable housing for all.

#### Get Involved

The Housing Action Plan will be shaped by prior planning efforts, data, analysis, and an inclusive public process. When community members provide input, we create a plan that better reflects everyone's values, interests, needs, and wants! In response to public health considerations for COVID-19, in-person community events are postponed. However, there are other ways to be involved:

- We Want to Hear from You! Check the project webpage for opportunities to share your ideas as the project continues: https://www.lynnwoodwa.gov/HousingActionPlan.
- Sign up for email announcements about this project. Go to the project website to sign up for "Housing Action Plan" updates. If you already receive City of Lynnwood emails, be sure to update your preferences.



# **Lynnwood Housing Action Plan - Frequently Asked Questions**

#### What is a Housing Action Plan?

A Housing Action Plan is a strategic plan and implementation guide that will develop clear, actionable strategies to meet current and future housing needs. Washington State law requires the Housing Action Plan identify strategies to encourage construction of:

- A greater variety of housing types; and
- Housing at prices that are accessible to people with a wide range of incomes.

The Housing Action Plan does not directly enact change. It is a policy document that helps guide the city's efforts, builds community support, and promotes accountability for implementation.

### Why is the City developing a Housing Action Plan now?

Through a previous study, the City found that:

- 1. Lynnwood is experiencing unprecedented growth;
- 2. A significant number of Lynnwood households spend a disproportionate amount of their income on housing; and
- 3. Most planned housing projects will not offer ownership opportunities.

While many housing policies and programs are already in place, there is a need for an updated coordinated housing strategy. To address these issues the City of Lynnwood applied for and received a \$100,000 grant from the Department of Commerce (under ES2HB 1923) to develop a Housing Action Plan.

## When will the Housing Action Plan be complete?

The Department of Commerce requires Lynnwood's Housing Action Plan be adopted by June 30, 2021. The final Housing Action Plan will detail next steps for implementation.

#### What if I have more questions?

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