

Housing Solutions Network Emerging Solutions - Subcommittee List

Subcommittee: Roadmap - Contact: Danica Ready, danica@methowhousingtrust.org

Create a long-term affordable housing roadmap/plan

Identify and secure properties now, for future affordable housing

Subcommittee: Funding - Contact: Sarah Brown, executivedirector@twispworks.org

Create an inventory for how philanthropy can help

Build a shared grant writing/public funding administration expertise to capture federal/state funding opportunities.

Have access to an investor/company that could provide cash upfront for local homebuyers to then turn into a mortgage so they can compete in the hot real estate market with cash only offers.

Advocate for more Okanogan County Housing Authority subsidized rental units in the Methow Valley

Create a series of pro-forma "deal sheets" to show potential developers what might "pencil"

Subcommittee: Advocacy (Policy Change) - Contact: Jasmine Minbashian, jasmine@mvcitizens.org

Create an advocacy agenda for public funding.

Identify any regulations/requirements that could be conditionally approved for affordable housing projects.

Explore options for controls on rental increases

Increase regulation/enforcement on nightly rentals and explore incentives to turn nightly rentals to long-term rentals.

Subcommittee: Tools/Resources - Contact: Sarah Brooks, sarah@methowconservancy.org

Find funding for a "permit navigator" to help potential affordable housing developers navigate the process

Apply ground lease/resale restriction model to existing homes in the community

Expand access to 502 lending programs for market rate purchases

Disseminate information about how individual homeowners can build affordably

Create a toolkit for real estate agents to have to help educate sellers about options that may open affordable housing options.

Implement homeshare programs like SilverNest for caregivers, Host Homes for Youth, and long-term house-sitting for part-time residences

Encourage formation of a landlord/renter vetting/matching/management business to ease developing long-term rentals without the "headaches" of managing them
Share information about how current town zoning allows Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and identify incentives for using ADUs as affordable long-term rentals
Build/purchase seasonal/temporary housing unit(s)
Subcommittee: Communications - Contact: Kelly Edwards, kelly@roomone.org
Support efforts to drive home key messages that this is a crisis, that it is impacting people, businesses, and our sense of community, and that we can all take steps to help
Advocate to have County Commissioners declare a state of emergency
Support Methow Housing Trust to meet the growing demand for permanently affordable homeownership