

# Strategy #7

## Coordinate affordable housing development and preservation with nonprofit developers, community groups, and the South King Housing and Homelessness Partners (SKHHP)

This strategy seeks to prevent displacement through regional collaboration to promote and preserve adequate affordable housing supply.

Addressing Federal Way's housing needs will require creative solutions that cannot be achieved by the city alone. The Housing Needs Assessment found that nearly 40% of all households in Federal Way are cost-burdened (over 13,000 in total), meaning they are spending more than 30% of their income on housing.

Housing insecurity and vulnerability to displacement does not affect all groups equally. On average, over 2% of renter households in Federal Way experienced an eviction filing each year between 2004 and 2017. This rate is nearly double for Black households, echoing similar patterns of inequitable outcomes in other South King County communities.

There are many opportunities to work with community entities that are interested in meeting Federal Way's housing needs. This work can include, but is not limited to, coordinating with organizations that provide rental assistance, affordable housing developers, religious institutions, anti-racism and racial equity advocates, and community-based organizations.



### Benefits

- Preventing displacement keeps communities together.
- Addresses historical inequity.
- Ensures **every** Federal Way resident can find a safe and healthy place to call home.

### Actions & Implementation

This is a short to long term (0-7+ year) strategy.

- Coordinate with the SKHHP to support a capital fund for affordable housing development and preservation.
- Develop mutually beneficial relationships with community groups and organizations.
- Work with nonprofit and religious institutions interested in developing property for affordable housing.

