Our Organizational Structure

**Member Councils** annually approve the ARCH Work Program and administrative budget; set aside funds in their budgets for affordable housing; adopt local land use policies, regulations and programs; and approve Housing Trust Fund projects.

**The Executive Board**, consisting of member executive level staff, supervises the Citizen Advisory Board and staff in the day-to-day implementation of the work program and budget, and forwards Housing Trust Fund recommendations to members for approval.

**The Citizen Advisory Board (CAB)**, consisting of community residents and housing professionals, works with staff to develop recommendations for the Housing Trust Fund and ARCH work program activities including efforts to broaden awareness of local housing needs.

**ARCH Staff** work directly with member staffs, commissions and councils, and the CAB, housing developers and the public to implement the ARCH Work Program.

What is ARCH?

ARCH is a partnership of the County and East King County Cities who have joined together to assist with preserving and increasing the supply of housing for low- and moderate-income households in the region. ARCH assists member governments in developing housing policies, strategies, programs, and development regulations; coordinates the cities’ financial support to groups creating affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households; and assists people looking for affordable rental and ownership housing.

ARCH’s member governments have supported a wide range of housing created and operated by local organizations and private developers that serve individuals, families, seniors, the homeless, and persons with special needs.

Mission and Values

ARCH’s mission is to preserve and increase the supply of housing for low- and moderate-income households in East King County. This includes homes for individuals and families, seniors, homeless, the disabled and other persons with special needs.

ARCH’s efforts reinforce community values such as providing housing that creates stability in personal lives, family, and neighborhood; facilitating a variety of solutions appropriate for each city; and enabling people to live near work or family.

ARCH acts as a resource to community leaders and policymakers, giving them objective information and tools to carry out housing goals in their communities.

www.archhousing.org

ARCH Members

- Beaux Arts Village
- Bellevue
- Bothell
- Clyde Hill
- Hunts Point
- Issaquah
- Kenmore
- Kirkland
- Medina
- Mercer Island
- Newcastle
- Redmond
- Sammamish
- Woodinville
- Yarrow Point
- King County

The ARCH Training Course Textbook

(Housing 101 available at www.archhousing/housing101.htm)

One of the tools made available to community leaders and policymakers,
ARCH Assists its members to:

Directly assist the creation of below-market rate housing
- Through the ARCH Housing Trust Fund, awarding loans and grants to developments that include below-market rate housing
- Waiving impact and permit fees
- Making surplus public land available

Develop housing policies and regulations including:
- Policies and strategies in Land Use and Housing Elements of Comprehensive Plans and Neighborhood Plans
- Regulations to accommodate special forms of housing such as accessory dwelling units (mother-in-law apartments), senior housing and cottage housing
- Land use incentives that create below-market rate housing within market-rate developments

Implement and administer housing programs by:
- Preparing and monitoring contracts for funded projects so affordability is maintained and, if applicable, loan payments are made
- Preparing and administering contracts for below-market rate housing in market rate developments
- Assisting people looking for below-market ownership and rental housing
- Tracking local housing production and housing needs

Engage the broader community on local housing issues
- Participating in discussions about housing at meetings and public forums
- Generating educational information for the public including brochures, website, housing tours and other material
- Providing trainings on housing topics
- Making community awards to publicly recognize outstanding housing efforts

Outcomes

Examples of results of member jurisdictions’ efforts include:
- Through the ARCH Trust Fund, cities have provided over $30 million to help create over 2,500 units of affordable housing for individuals, families, seniors, the homeless, and persons with special needs. This has included preservation of over 450 privately owned federally assisted housing units.
- Twelve members have adopted regulations permitting Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) which has resulted in the permitting of over 500 ADUs.
- Ten members have implemented land use incentive programs for affordable housing resulting in over 600 market-produced affordable units.
- Seven members have made surplus public property available for housing developments that include over 630 affordable housing units.