



## A Regional Coalition for Housing

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### ARCH Community Advisory Board Role and Responsibilities

**Origin:** A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) was created in 1992 through an interlocal agreement between the cities of Bellevue, Redmond, Kirkland and King County, following a study undertaken by a Citizen's Affordable Housing Task Force in Bellevue that discovered the following findings:

- There is a growing need for affordable housing in Eastside King County;
- There are many gaps in the current delivery system;
- Local government support is critical to increasing the affordable housing supply;
- Increased local government support complements the efforts of private sector housing developers; and
- Local governments that work together can be more effective.

Today, ARCH supports 16 member jurisdictions to develop housing policies, strategies and regulations; efficiently administer housing programs; coordinate city investments in affordable housing; and assist people looking for affordable rental and ownership housing.

ARCH's Executive Board is responsible for overseeing the administration of ARCH, including appointment of members to the Community Advisory Board, and advancement of local funding recommendations.

**Community Advisory Board Responsibilities:** The ARCH Community Advisory Board (CAB) primarily advises the Executive Board on funding recommendations pertaining to the [Housing Trust Fund](#). The CAB may also assist with educational and outreach efforts. CAB members contribute an understanding of community context and provide expertise in areas such as planning, architecture, finance, real estate, housing development and management, assisting low-income households and persons with special needs, and more.

**Member Responsibilities:**

- CAB members must have knowledge and understanding of affordable housing and be committed to the furtherance of affordable housing on the Eastside.
- CAB Members attend monthly meetings currently held the last Wednesday of each month from 6pm-8pm. While each meeting is held in a hybrid format, in person attendance at ARCH's office within the Together Center in Redmond is encouraged.
- During each Housing Trust Fund annual funding round, which typically runs from July through December, members review project applications and make award recommendations to the ARCH Executive Board.



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- Board Composition:** 12 to 15 community members and housing professionals with an express interest in creating and preserving low- and moderate-income housing throughout East King County. The CAB strives to be representative of the Eastside communities that make up ARCH and to incorporate diverse perspectives, including from members with experience seeking or living in affordable housing.
- Term:** Four years, with the possibility of one renewal for a second four-year term.
- Eligibility:** Applicants should have relevant professional and personal knowledge and experience, and should have a connection to and/or understanding of East King County (for example, through current or past residency or employment in East King County, or other connection). Note: any applicant with an active commitment(s) – namely, volunteering or employment – to a Housing Trust Fund applicant would be evaluated for a potential conflict of interest.
- Meetings:** One meeting per month throughout the calendar year. One to two additional meetings may be required during the Housing Trust Fund annual funding round.
- Compensation:** CAB membership is volunteer based and not compensated at this time.
- Additional Information:** Please visit the ARCH website: [www.archhousing.org](http://www.archhousing.org)
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