

# Pierce County REVENUE FOR HOUSING We Need a Funding Plan!

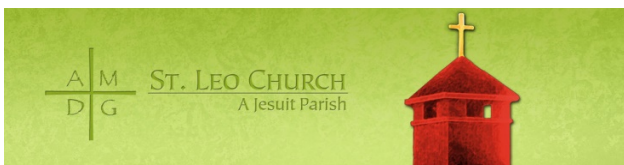
**In 2020, there were over 12,000 people in Pierce County  
who experienced homelessness  
We CAN provide housing for ALL!  
With a comprehensive plan that has action steps and funding**



**To reduce and stop homelessness, Pierce County needs a housing plan that provides for attainable housing for moderate, low- and very-low income residents, permanent supportive housing & shelter capacity for all who need it.**



*"Housing has provided our family with a sense of security and stability. It's helped us reach self-sufficiency and accomplish our goals."*



**See reverse for more  
information**



# REVENUE FOR HOUSING FAQs

## Wise Investment

Operating, maintenance, and services dollars keep us up and running, and these investments are worth it! We specialize in supporting people who without our housing, often end up in costly institutional settings.



**3 days at Harborview = 3 months in jail = ONE YEAR IN PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING\***

*\*source: <https://bit.ly/2NcvuoR>*

## Providing housing is less expensive than homelessness

### FACTS:

- There is not enough housing in Pierce County that is affordable for families earning \$47,267/year and below.
- About 40% of Pierce County residents pay more than 30% of their income on housing
- Veterans, Senior Citizens, families with children, unaccompanied youth and young adults, persons with disabilities and domestic violence survivors are at risk of homelessness
- If Pierce County adopts a small 1/10 of one percent tax (one penny for every \$10 purchase), using it for construction, along with state and federal matching funds, the tax can construct up to 360 units per year
- RCW 82.14.530 allows the county to approve 1/10 of one percent sales tax to provide a steady stream of income, \$13-14 million/year
- There are currently 850 units of supportive housing; 2,300 more are needed

### What is affordable housing?

Affordable housing is housing for which the cost can be covered by no more than 30% of the individual's income, needed especially for people whose income is at 60% of area median income or below



### 12,237 people experienced homelessness in Pierce County during 2020

- 43% female
- 43% members of families with children
- 7% veterans
- 7% unaccompanied youth or young adults

**There were also 5,580 students in the Pierce County School system homeless in 2018-2019 (2020 data not yet available)**

Also see Pierce County Homelessness, Fact Sheet:  
<https://www.co.pierce.wa.us/3715/Homeless-Programs>