



# TACOMA HOUSING AUTHORITY

## RESOLUTION 2021-12-8 (3)

**Date:** December 8, 2021  
**To:** THA Board of Commissioners  
**From:** April Black  
Executive Director  
**Re:** Contract with Pierce County for Rapid Rehousing Homeless Housing Program

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*This resolution would approve a new contract with Pierce County for Homeless Rapid Rehousing Housing Programs.*

### Background

In 2013, the Tacoma Housing Authority (THA) began its investment into the rapid rehousing system through two contracts with Pierce County: (1) housing for homeless families with children and (2) housing for homeless young adults aged 18-24. Under the contracts, THA invested \$1.288 million annually. \$1 million of the funds were in the Family contract while the remaining \$288,000 were in the Young Adult contract. At the time, THA recognized that its mainline programs were mostly inaccessible to households experiencing homelessness so it sought out ways to bolster and invest in more immediate housing solutions for this population, leading to this partnership.

The contracts have been amended multiple times over the history of the investment and in 2020, the two contracts were combined into one and the overall investment was increased to \$1.3 million per year. This resolution will allow staff to negotiate a new agreement with Pierce County to continue the investment and encompass all the amendments to date.

The contract will continue to dedicate THA's investment to housing for families with children and unaccompanied young adults aged 18-24. Pierce County's use of funding includes rental assistance and other types of flexible assistance including rapid rehousing, diversion, and prevention. THA will continue to report the outcomes of this investment in its annual Moving to Work (MTW) Report and to the Board upon consideration of the next contract renewal.

Since 2013, THA has dramatically increased its capacity to serve households experiencing homelessness through dedicated voucher subsidies and the creation of housing units designated for this population. These investments include the project based vouchers in Arlington Drive and Hilltop Lofts (pending). As a result, THA intends to reduce its investment by 50% during the 2023 contract negotiation process. With the recognition of Tacoma's constrained housing supply and THA's position as a large housing developer, THA is re-allocating its resources to investments that make hard units available in the near term to individuals and families experiencing

homelessness while continuing to aggressively seek out every new special voucher allocation from the federal government.

### **Recommendation**

This resolution recommends adopting Resolution 2021-12-8 (3) to allow staff to negotiate and sign a contract with Pierce County for housing for families and young adults experiencing homelessness.



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## RESOLUTION 2021-12-08 (3) (Pierce County Contract for Rapid Rehousing Programs)

A **RESOLUTION** of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma

**WHEREAS**, THA has been investing in the Pierce County Rapid Rehousing system and homeless housing programs since 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, The contract has been re-written to include historical contract amendments into a new contract effective January 1, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, The contract will be in effect through 2023; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma, Washington, that:*

THA's Executive Director is authorized to negotiate, and if those negotiations are successful, and to sign a new Pierce County contract for housing for families and young adults experiencing homelessness.

**Approved: December 8, 2021**

  
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Stanley Rumbaugh, Chair