



## RESOLUTION 2025-05-28 (2)

**Date:** May 28, 2025

**To:** THA Board of Commissioners

**From:** April Black  
Executive Director

**Re:** Interlocal Agreement with King County Housing Authority (KCHA) - Jurisdictional Agreement HCV Homeownership Program

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*This resolution would allow Tacoma Housing Authority (THA) to enter into an interlocal agreement with King County Housing Authority (KCHA) that enables KCHA's Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Homeownership Program participants to utilize their vouchers in THA's jurisdiction.*

### BACKGROUND

Washington State law allows local governments to agree to cooperate to better serve their communities. These agreements are called Interlocal Cooperation Agreements (ICA). One use of such agreements allows agencies to share functions or to engage in activities in each other's jurisdictions.

King County Housing Authority (KCHA) approached Tacoma Housing Authority (THA) with a proposal to execute an interlocal agreement that allows KCHA's Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Homeownership Program participants to utilize their vouchers in THA's jurisdiction. The intent is to enable participants to access homes in neighboring communities while minimizing the administrative burden and costs associated with the portability process.

THA staff requested KCHA provide more information about the volume of anticipated home purchases and potential unintended impacts on THA customers. KCHA anticipates no more than

three to five closings this year given the long lead time to purchase a home and cannot anticipate how many buyers may seek out homes in THA's jurisdiction. In addition, KCHA committed to monitoring and reporting out how many participants purchase homes in THA's jurisdiction on an annual basis. Finally, should THA decide to implement its own homeownership program in the future, KCHA offered to share their policies, key documents, and lessons learned to support THA's efforts.

Given these responses and the fact that this agreement does not make THA responsible for any administrative duties, services, or financial obligations, THA staff are supportive of this agreement.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution 2025-05-28 (2) authorizing THA's Executive Director to enter THA into an interlocal agreement with KCHA that allows KCHA's HCV Homeownership Program participants to utilize their vouchers in THA's jurisdiction.



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(Interlocal Agreement with King County Housing Authority (KCHA) - Jurisdictional Agreement HCV Homeownership Program)

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

**WHEREAS**, state law allows governmental agencies to execute Interlocal Cooperation Agreements (ICAs) to allow for ways to better serve their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, King County Housing Authority (KCHA) is operating a local Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Homeownership program; and

**WHEREAS**, KCHA desires to support its HCV Homeownership Program participants in utilizing their homeownership vouchers in neighboring communities like Tacoma while minimizing burdensome portability regulations on both KCHA and Tacoma Housing Authority (THA); and

**WHEREAS**, THA requires Board approval to enter into an interlocal agreement that allows KCHA HCV Homeownership Program participants to utilize their vouchers in THA's jurisdiction; 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 enter into an interlocal agreement with KCHA that allows KCHA's HCV Homeownership Program participants to utilize their vouchers in THA's jurisdiction.

**Approved: May 28, 2025**

A blue ink signature of Derek Young, written in a cursive style. Below the signature is a horizontal line, and the text "Derek Young, Chair" is printed below the line.

Derek Young, Chair