

Rural Homeownership Technical Assistance

Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) has a contract with the Washington State Department of Commerce to provide technical assistance to rural communities to develop affordable homeownership projects. This includes preconstruction technical assistance services to eligible recipients seeking to construct, rehabilitate, or finance affordable homeownership for very low and low-income persons.

Who is eligible:

- Rural areas and small cities and towns without a history in the past 7 years of receiving Housing Trust Fund (HTF) or other affordable housing investments.
- Nonprofit community organizations led by and for Black, Indigenous, and persons of color (BIPOC) regardless of location and nonprofits serving marginalized communities without a history in the past 7 years of receiving Housing Trust Fund (HTF) or other affordable housing investments.

What we offer:

RCAC can provide project specific technical assistance for affordable homeownership projects serving low-and very-low-income households. If accepted for assistance, RCAC will start with training local stakeholders and sponsoring organization, then if requested RCAC will complete a feasibility assessment of the project. If RCAC and the sponsoring organization deems the project feasible, a scope of work for technical assistance and training will be developed.

RCAC can provide technical assistance for affordable homeownership projects as needed for the following:

- Financial planning and packaging for housing projects, including alternative ownership programs
- Project design, architectural planning, and siting
- Compliance with planning requirements
- Securing matching resources for project development
- Maximizing local government contributions to project development in the form of land donations, infrastructure improvements, waivers of development fees, locally and state-managed funds, zoning variances, or creative local planning
- Coordination with local planning, economic development, and environmental, social service, and recreational activities
- Construction and materials management

RCAC will prioritize rural areas with an emphasis on underserved areas and communities with higher populations of color and Indigenous households. We prioritize developing and strengthening long-term capacity of rural affordable housing nonprofits. RCAC will also provide outreach and trainings for those underserved communities on affordable homeownership program models and resources.

Contact us

For more information or to receive an application for technical assistance, contact homeownership@rcac.org. Or visit: www.rcac.org/housing/homeownership-options