



# About the Housing Innovations Program (HIP)

The HIP includes 50 tools and strategies that can be used to promote more housing options and affordability in local communities.

They are organized around six objectives shared by many local jurisdictions. These include:

[Addressing racial inequities in housing](#)

[Promote housing in centers and near transit](#)

[Provide housing options in expensive markets](#)

[Building missing middle density](#)

[Increase neighborhood stability by mitigating residential displacement](#)

[Build community support for affordable housing](#)

Twelve of the strategies and tools are highlighted as “Detailed tools.” These are tools that have proven to be particularly effective at meeting regional housing goals. These tools contain more information on their best uses and resources to help with implementation. Case studies also provide examples of how tools have been applied to local projects.

## **WHY USE THE HOUSING INNOVATIONS PROGRAM TOOLKIT?**

The HIP provides jurisdictions with strategies and tools they can use to work toward shared goals and meet local needs. Each resource in the toolkit provides information on what it is, how it may fit into a local jurisdiction’s housing objectives, and the level of affordability it can help produce.



The webpage is structured to allow jurisdictions to find strategies and tools to meet their housing needs. The search function helps to narrow down the resources and find things most applicable for each unique community.

The HIP is a jumping off point for jurisdictions to learn more about available options. It provides information and resources to help guide local work. The tools can be printed off to use as stand-alone documents or collected and used in conjunction with one another to develop strategies and local policies to address housing needs in local communities.

### **WHAT OTHER RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE?**

PSRC's [Regional Housing Strategy](#) provides a playbook of regional and local actions to preserve, improve, and expand housing stock in the region. [Housing Opportunities by Place](#) recommends specific housing tools and actions to communities based on local characteristics. [The Housing 101](#) document and [Glossary](#) describe key terms and grounding information PSRC uses when talking about housing. The [Housing Incentives & Tools Survey Report](#) provides more details about housing tools in use in the central Puget Sound region. Visit PSRC's [Housing webpage](#) to learn more.

The [Municipal Research and Services Center](#) and the [WA Department of Commerce](#) also provide useful resources on housing planning in Washington state.

