

Office of Manufactured/Mobile Home Relocation Assistance

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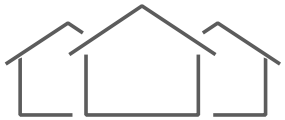
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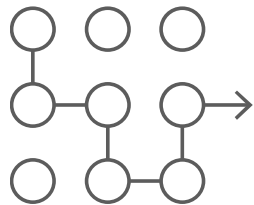
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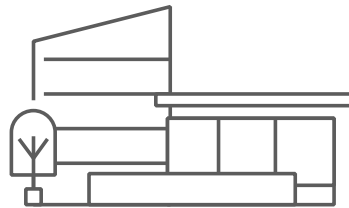
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**COMMUNITY
SERVICES**

Office of Manufactured/Mobile Home Relocation Assistance

[RCW 59.21](#)

[RCW 59.22.050](#)

Manufactured/Mobile Home Relocation Assistance – [RCW 59.21](#)

- **Intent**

Provide support and financial assistance to eligible households impacted by manufactured/mobile home community closures and conversions

- **Services**

- Financial & technical assistance for eligible homeowners & community owners
- Local resource referral
- Educate local community about closures – leverage support, resources

- **Funding**

- Mobile Home Park Relocation Fund – [RCW 59.21.050](#)
- Relocation Coordination Program funding – [RCW 59.30.050](#)

Recent legislative impacts

- **2019 Session**

- Convening of manufactured housing work group and production of a final report ([ESHB 1582](#))
- Relocation assistance may be a mix of cash assistance and reimbursement ([ESSB 5183](#))
- Creation of Relocation Coordination Program within Commerce ([ESSB 5183](#))

- **2021 Session**

- Revises relocation assistance distribution, eligible homeowners receive increased amount of cash assistance ([E2SHB 1083](#))

Relocation assistance distribution

Current

- **Maximum assistance**
 - Up to \$7,500 single-section
 - Up to \$12,000 multi-section
- **Assistance distribution**

May be a combination of cash and reimbursement
- **Allowable expenses**
 - Relocate and reinstall home
 - Demolish, dispose, new housing

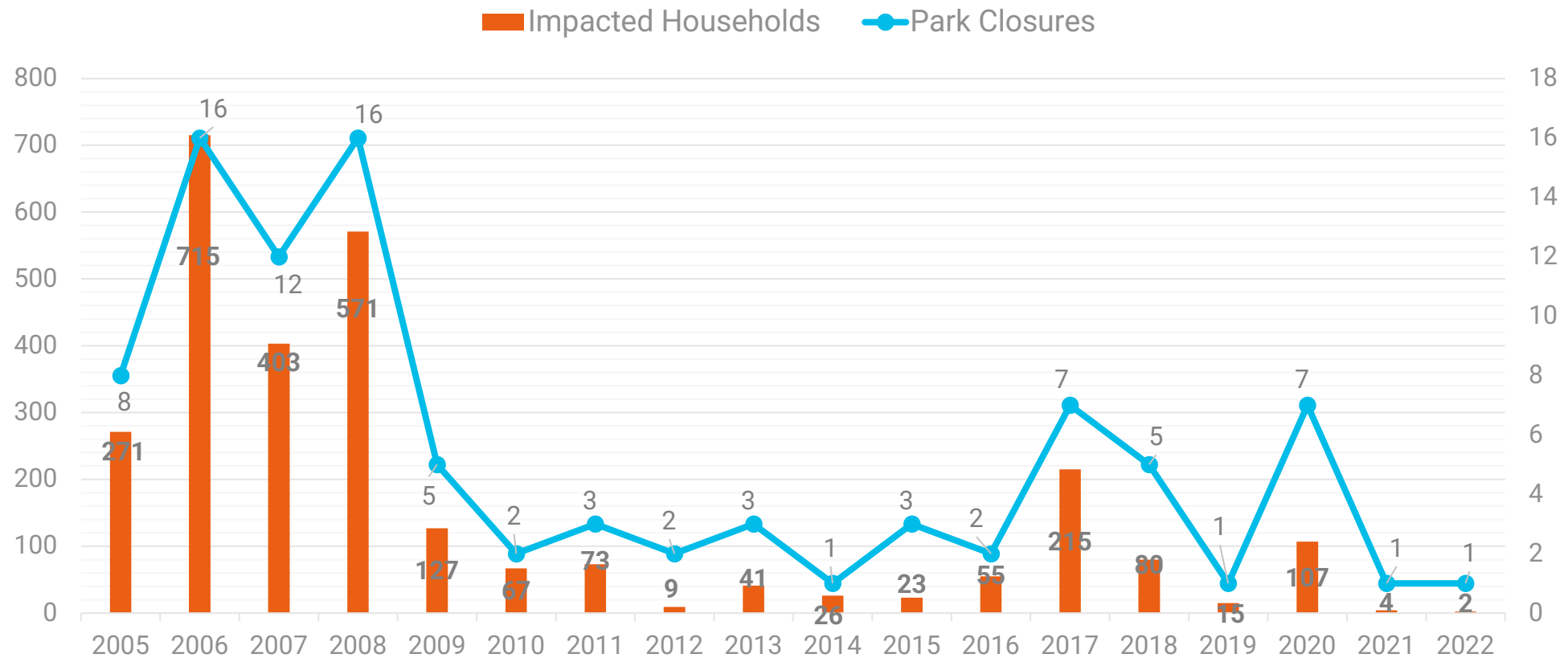
As of July 25, 2021

- **Max homeowner assistance**
 - Up to \$11,000 single-section
 - Up to \$17,000 multi-section
- **Assistance distribution**

Combination of cash and reimbursement - 2nd source of funding for community owners
- **Allowable expenses**
 - Relocate and reinstall home
 - Secure new housing
 - Demolish, dispose

Community closures and impacted households

Park Closures and Impacted Households 2005-2022



The future of community closures

Communities will close

- Why?
- How many?
- Post-COVID landscape?

RCW 59.22 – Resident-owned mobile home parks

- RCW 59.22.032

Commerce may make loans for conversion costs – Housing Trust Fund (competitive process)

- RCW 59.22.050 (1)

If funds appropriated, Commerce may provide technical assistance for resident ownership – none at this time

- **Commerce-assisted communities**

Relocation Coordination Program

[RCW 59.21.120](#)

Relocation Coordination Program

- Created with passage of [ESSB 5183](#) during 2019 Legislative Session
- Purpose – assisting manufactured/mobile home community residents impacted by closures, including securing new housing
- Funding – program is funded with a portion of the annual registration fee of manufactured/mobile homes per [RCW 59.30.050](#)

Relocation Coordination Program activities

- **Case Management**

Providing assistance throughout all phases of the application and relocation process

- **Resource Referral**

Connecting homeowners with housing and local resources

- **Communication Assistance**

Facilitating communication between homeowners, community owners, local agencies, and businesses to assist in the relocation process

Relocation Coordination Program – expected outcomes

- Increase in completed applications and households who qualify for assistance
- Increase in the number of households who successfully relocate
- Less potential of households becoming homeless and entering other systems of care
- Easing the stress and anxiety of households experiencing a major life crisis
- Decrease in contention between households, community owners, and other stakeholders

The future of community closures

- Communities will close
- Growth and manufactured housing communities
 - Current options
 - Best practices

Resources

[Manufactured/Mobile Home Relocation Assistance Program](#)

[Manufactured/Mobile Home Community Closure List](#)

[Registered Manufactured/Mobile Home Communities in WA](#)

[Manufactured Housing Communities Workgroup Report \(2020\)](#)

[Housing Trust Fund](#)

Questions?

Thank you!

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