

# Anti-Displacement Organizations Report and Directory

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# Questions for Equity Advisory Committee

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# Goals of Project



Identify anti-displacement organizations in the region.

Create a directory of these groups with the services they provide.

Create a report of best practices for local governments to support these groups.



# Process

Identification of groups began in late 2021.

Significant delays due to formulation of a new compensation policy.

Outreach took place in Fall 2022 with final report now drafted in full.

Met with EAC twice in 2022 to refine the interview process and shape the trajectory of the project.





# Report Structure

## Addressing Displacement in the Central Puget Sound Region

Report of Best Practices  
and  
Directory of Organizations

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APPENDIX A: DIRECTORY OF ORGANIZATIONS

APPENDIX B: SURVEY QUESTIONS



# Summary of Anti-Displacement Organizations



Interviews took place with 20 CBOs and an additional 18 were identified through research

Organizations were divided into five categories:

- Housing Provider
- Housing Support
- Advocacy
- Short-Term Support Services
- Ongoing Community Support



# Housing Provider

Organizations who build and manage affordable housing options for low-income residents.

Can mitigate the impacts of direct displacement, such as the demolition of existing housing to make way for new development, as well as the impacts of indirect displacement, such as residents being priced out of their neighborhood.





# Housing Support



Organizations who provide resources that prevent residents from losing their housing and ultimately being displaced.

Support includes , financial aid towards housing costs, eviction prevention programs, and educational services.



# Advocacy

Organizations that advocate to implement and preserve anti-displacement policies.

Advocacy includes supporting local planning policies, providing funding for organizations to participate in policy decisions, and collaborating with public and private entities to adopt these policies.





# Short-Term Support Services



Organizations who support displaced residents with unmet immediate needs.

These services include healthcare, childcare, food assistance, temporary lodging, and emergency/crisis aid.

May also work with displaced residents to find more permanent solutions, such as placement in long-term affordable housing.





# Ongoing Community Assistance

Organizations that address ongoing community needs in areas facing risk of displacement.

Programs are aimed at helping individuals obtain economic and housing stability and include professional development training, food banks, education, post-prison reentry assistance, business development/ support, and transportation access/ affordability.



# Best Practices



Several best practices for local governments were identified

These were organized into the following categories:

- Adopt a Co-Creation Model
- Strengthen Communication
- Provide Consistent Financial Support
- Coordinate Efforts





# Adopt a Co-Creation Model

CBOs stressed the importance of regular engagement with local government that builds toward co-creation.

A co-creation model was recommended for items such as:

- Developing local policy
- Creating model policies
- Allocating funding resources





# Strengthen Communication



CBO partners identified open, consistent communication as an important aspect of a relationship with local governments.

The following topics were suggested for inclusion in regular conversations between CBOs and government partners:

- Grant Funding Opportunities
- Highlighting CBO Initiatives
- Updates on local policy





# Provide Consistent Financial Support

CBOs emphasized how critical government funding is to their work. Through both programming support and funding their own operations, CBOs depend on financial support from all levels of government.

The following areas were identified as critical areas for government support:

- Funding housing development
- Affordable operating space
- Direct operating funds



# Coordinate Efforts and Initiatives



CBOs encouraged governments to consider their individual efforts as part of a regional whole, and to work in a concerted effort to advance anti-displacement principles.

The following suggestions were made for local government coordination:

- Incorporate Anti-Displacement efforts across departments
- Balance Growth Targets with Anti-Displacement Initiatives
- Engage the private sector





# Next Steps

Staff will incorporate feedback from the EAC into the final document



Circulate among CBO partners  
Review among PSRC Anti-Displacement Team  
Distribute to member jurisdictions  
Phase Two of Anti-Displacement Work



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# Thank You!

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