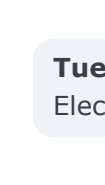




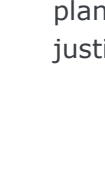
For more information on Federal Funding and policy changes, please visit: kcha.org/about/funding-policy



DATES TO KNOW

Tuesday, August 4
Election Day

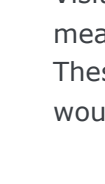
Monday, August 31
Public comment
deadline on MTW plan



PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Moving to Work (MTW) is a special status from HUD that gives KCHA more flexibility in how we use federal funding. KCHA recently submitted a proposal to HUD to allow rental assistance to be paid directly to households instead of to landlords. KCHA is planning to submit a proposal for housing assistance for people involved with the justice system. You can review all the proposals and plans on KCHA's website.

[Learn more](#)



PREPARE FOR ELECTION DAY

Elected lawmakers make funding and policy decisions that impact KCHA and your access to housing and services. Voting is an important way for you to influence those decisions. Election Day for the August 2026 Primary Election is Tuesday, August 4. You can vote as soon as your ballot arrives.

Learn about the candidates and ballot measures

Visit the King County Elections website to read about the candidates and ballot measures. You can also review your voter guide, which comes with your ballot. These tools explain what each candidate is running for and what each measure would do.

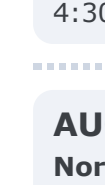
Return your ballot

You can return your ballot in one of three ways:

- By mail (no stamp needed)
- At a ballot drop box
- At a vote center

You can look up drop box locations, vote center hours, and sample ballots on the King County Elections website.

[Prepare and learn more](#)



BACK-TO-SCHOOL RESOURCES

Community Events

Find free school supplies, backpacks, vaccines, family support, and more at these community events.

AUGUST 4
Back-to-School Bash & National Night Out in Auburn
3-5 p.m.
[Click to learn more](#)

Seola Garden National Night Out
4:30-6:30 p.m.

AUGUST 19
Shoreline Back-to-School Event
1-5 p.m.
[Click to learn more](#)

Kent School District Back-to-School Family Engagement Event
3-7:30 p.m.
[Click to learn more](#)

AUGUST 6
Northshore School District Resource Fair
4-5:30 p.m.
[Click to learn more](#)

AUGUST 20
ReOpp High School Resource Fair, Tukwila
3-5 p.m.
[Click to learn more](#)

AUGUST 12
Issaquah Back-to-School Resource Fair
Noon-3 p.m.
[Click to learn more](#)

KCHA Presents "Pack" to School Resource Fair
5-7 p.m.
Crossroads Community Center
16000 NE 10th St, Bellevue, WA

AUGUST 13
SeaTac Back-to-School Resource Fair
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
[Click to learn more](#)

AUGUST 21
White Center's Music in the Place & Backpack Giveaway
4-6:30 p.m.
[Click to learn more](#)

AUGUST 15
Wellspring Family Resource Fair, South Seattle
Noon-3 p.m.
[Click to learn more](#)

AUGUST 25
Back 2 School Free Haircuts, Federal Way
Noon-7 p.m.
[Click to learn more](#)

National Scholarships

For high school students, there are many resources that can help find scholarships to pay for college.

QuestBridge National College Match

- Connects high-achieving students with more than 50 highly selective colleges
- Can provide full four-year scholarships, including tuition, room, board, and fees.

www.questbridge.org

The Gates Scholarship

- Covers full cost of attendance not already covered by financial aid
- For high-achieving high school seniors
- Requires Pell Grant eligibility and a minimum 3.3 GPA

www.thegatescholarship.org

Coca-Cola Scholars

- Merit-based scholarship with strong emphasis on leadership and community service
- Students graduating in the 2026-2027 academic year can apply starting August 3, 2026

www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship

- Covers substantial educational expenses at four-year institutions
- As much as \$55,000 per year to pursue a bachelor's degree at any accredited undergraduate institution
- Ability to pursue any area of study

www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/college-scholarship-program/

Scholarships.com

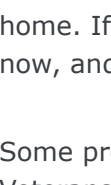
- One of the largest free scholarship-search platforms in the U.S., matching students to millions of awards
- Helps students find college scholarships, grants, and financial aid opportunities based on their profile and interests

www.scholarships.com

College Success Foundation

- Provides students with direct support to find, apply for, and earn scholarships
- Offers guidance on writing strong applications, understanding financial aid, and choosing scholarships that fit a student's goals
- Connects students to CSF-managed scholarships and a wide list of external scholarship opportunities

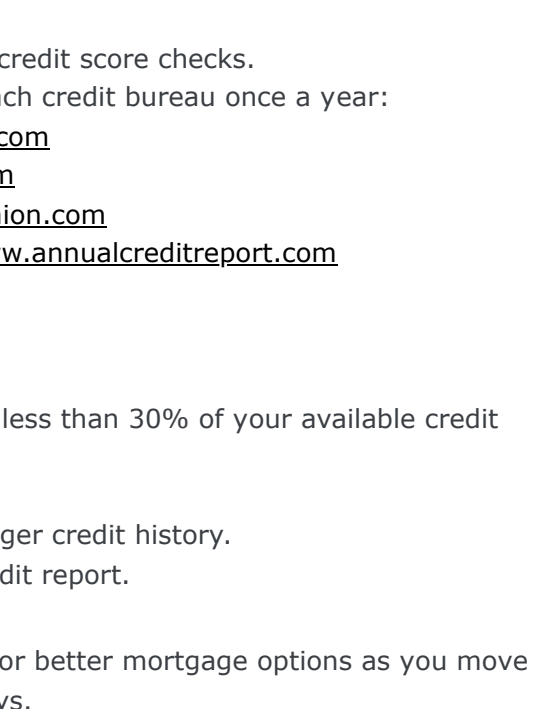
www.collegesuccessfoundation.org



Dream to Keys Homeownership Program

"It's a once in a lifetime dream. It is really a dream come true... they are there to help, and they will be with you every step of the way, as they were with me."

— Dream to Keys participant



KCHA's Dream to Keys Homeownership Program helps public housing residents and voucher participants turn their housing support into a pathway to owning a home. By using a voucher toward a mortgage, eligible participants can take steps toward financial stability and generational wealth.

Check and improve your credit before applying

Your credit score affects the loan options and interest rate you can get when buying a home. If you're thinking about using Dream to Keys, it's essential to check your credit now, and make sure your credit score is a minimum of 670.

Some programs like Federal Housing Administration (FHA), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) loans may have more flexible requirements.

How to check your credit:

- Many banks and credit cards offer free credit score checks.
- You can get a free credit report from each credit bureau once a year:
 - Experian: <https://www.experian.com>
 - Equifax: <https://www.equifax.com>
 - TransUnion: <https://www.transunion.com>
 - Annual Credit Report: <https://www.annualcreditreport.com>

Ways to improve your credit:

- Pay all bills on time.
- Pay down credit card balances — using less than 30% of your available credit helps.
- Avoid opening new credit accounts.
- Keep older accounts open to build a longer credit history.
- Dispute any errors you find on your credit report.

Taking these steps now can help you qualify for better mortgage options as you move toward homeownership through Dream to Keys.

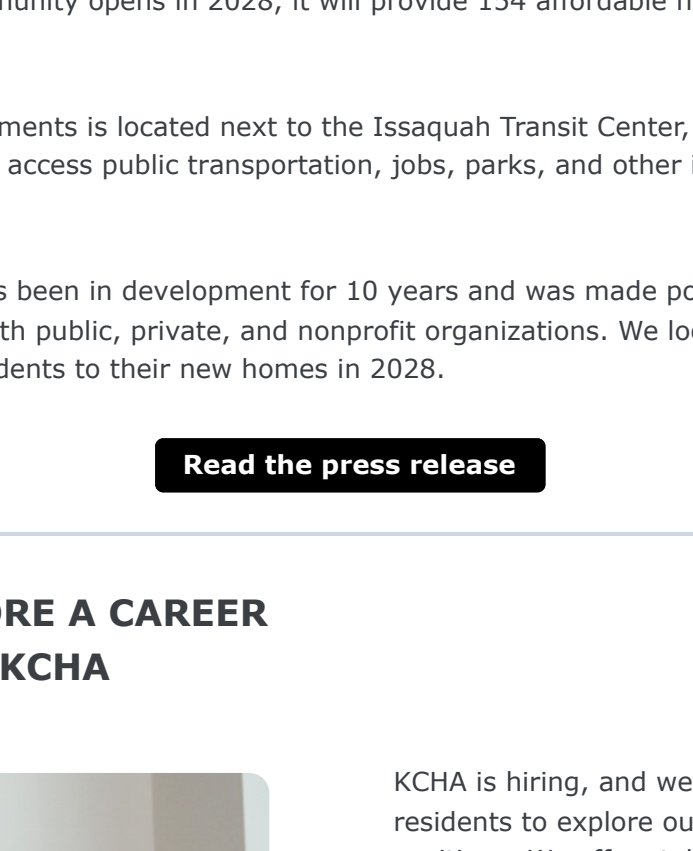
Upcoming Information Sessions (Zoom)

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| • September 17 | Noon | Click to register |
| • October 22 | 4:30 p.m. | Click to register |
| • November 12 | Noon | Click to register |

For eligibility details and to register for a session, visit our [website](#) or email DreamToKeys@kcha.org.



KCHA DEVELOPMENTS



New Affordable Homes Coming to Issaquah

KCHA recently celebrated the groundbreaking of Trailhead Apartments in Issaquah. When the community opens in 2028, it will provide 154 affordable homes for families.

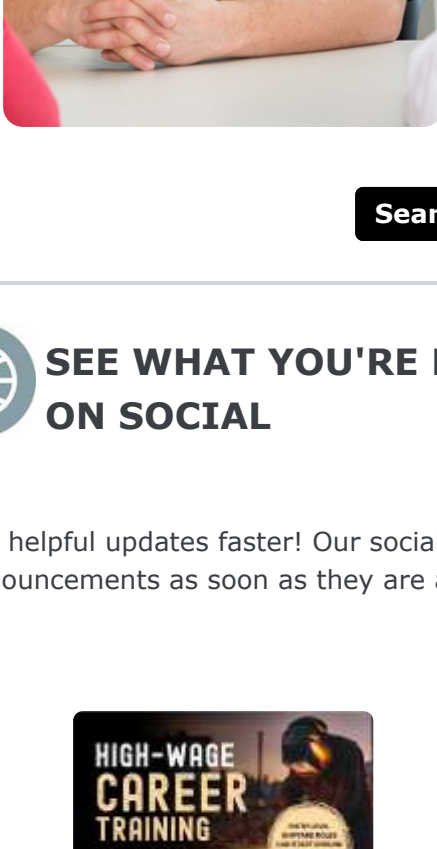
Trailhead Apartments is located next to the Issaquah Transit Center, making it easy for residents to access public transportation, jobs, parks, and other important services.

This project has been in development for 10 years and was made possible through partnerships with public, private, and nonprofit organizations. We look forward to welcoming residents to their new homes in 2028.

[Read the press release](#)



EXPLORE A CAREER WITH KCHA



KCHA is hiring, and we encourage residents to explore our open positions. We offer stable jobs, good benefits, and work that supports communities across King County.

If you're interested in a career that makes a difference, visit our job openings at kcha.org/employment. You'll find roles in maintenance, customer service, administration, and more.

[Search job openings](#)

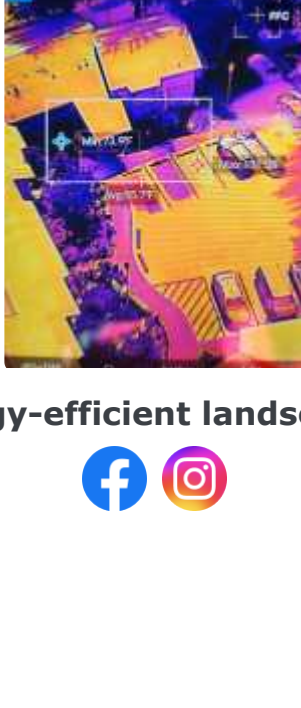
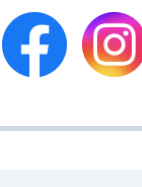


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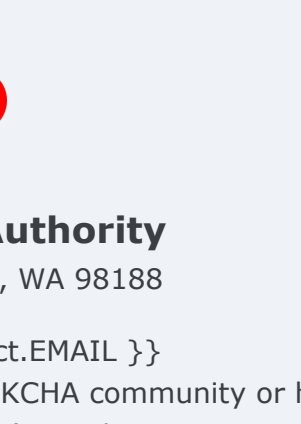
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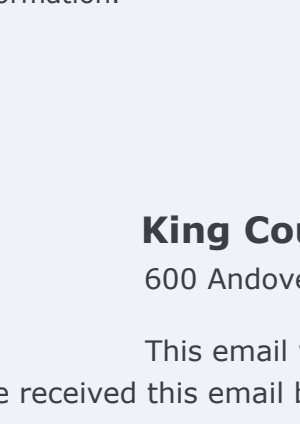
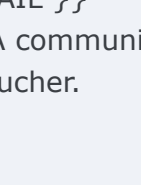
High-wage career training



Youth summer food programs



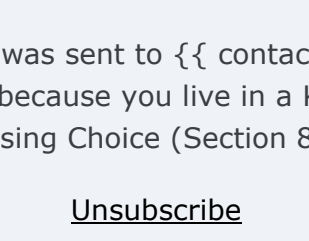
Energy-efficient landscaping



Stay safe in hot weather



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King County Housing Authority
600 Andover Park West, Tukwila, WA 98188

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