Housing Resources Bainbridge

ADVOCACY ALERT

Update

Your letters and public comment were effective—thank you for your advocacy! Tuesday, October 27, 2026, City Council voted unanimously to allocate $100,000 to the city's Housing Trust Fund in the 2027-2028 budget. This is the first time since the 2021-2022 budget that Council has allocated funds to the Housing Trust Fund.

Background

There are two funding sources in the budget reserved for affordable housing. City Council is moving money from the Affordable Housing Fund to the Housing Trust Fund.

- **Affordable Housing Fund.** This fund is largely funded by a sales tax and a sales tax credit; however, the city can direct other types of funding here too. The majority of the sales-tax-supported revenue is restricted to projects and programs serving households at or below 60% area median income. There was some general fund money here from earlier allocations. City Council is moving a portion of it to the Housing Trust Fund.

- **Housing Trust Fund.** This fund provides direct financial assistance to qualified affordable housing projects and to nonprofits providing housing-related services. Since it is not automatically funded by sales tax revenue, it requires the city to choose to fund it with an allocation.

Action

Write to City Council at **council@bainbridgewa.gov** to express your gratitude. Creating affordable housing is costly and requires the support of the city. Thank you, COBI, for recognizing the critical role that nonprofits, like HRB, play in meeting the housing needs of our community.

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