



City of Yakima

# **News Release**

**Subject: City Seeks Input for Housing Action Plan**

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## **City Seeks Input for Housing Action Plan**

The City of Yakima continues to seek the community's input on housing needs through a survey in English and Spanish.

The City received a \$100,000 grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce to develop a Housing Action Plan (HAP). The survey will assist the City in creating the plan.

“Help us develop a great plan by telling us about your housing needs,” said Planning Manager Joseph Calhoun. “This plan will support and encourage new housing production for more housing choices and to address local housing needs.”

Click <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YakimaEng> for the survey in English.

Click <https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/YakimaSpan> for the survey in Spanish.

Learn more about the HAP at <https://www.yakimawa.gov/services/planning/hap/>

Work to develop the HAP began in 2020 and will continue through June 2021. It will consider the housing needs of current residents and workforce, as well as projected future population growth.

There are four primary areas of focus:

- Provide more housing types and opportunities within existing neighborhoods
- Home ownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income families
- Housing solutions for seniors and elderly residents
- Temporary and permanent supportive housing for those struggling with homelessness.

To be added to the Planning Division's contact list regarding development of the HAP, please send your email and mailing address to [ask.planning@yakimawa.gov](mailto:ask.planning@yakimawa.gov)