



Seattle Housing Authority

Reintegration Housing 

## Reintegration Housing pilot overview

The Seattle Housing Authority, the largest provider of affordable housing in Seattle, recognizes that stable housing is a critical need for people who are transitioning out of incarceration and yet is extremely challenging to obtain. The criminal justice system disproportionately incarcerates people of color, and the race and social justice inequities and barriers extend into the process of people trying to rebuild their lives after being released from prison.

To address this issue, SHA has established a Reintegration Housing pilot to help provide housing stability and support services for people transitioning out of incarceration, known as liberated individuals.

To help design the program, SHA was in close partnership with the Black Prisoners' Caucus Community Group and employed strategic advisors. They have been integral in leading and shaping creation of the pilot and in outlining the foundational values for the program in an SHA Reintegration Housing [Statement of approach](#).

To ensure an inclusive and successful pilot SHA is engaging with government agencies; local communities; advocacy organizations; the Black Prisoners' Caucus Community Group, Freedom Project, Washington State Department of Corrections and people who were formerly or are currently incarcerated.

### Program highlights

- During the pilot phase, SHA will provide up to 24 months of housing rental subsidy to up to 60 households.
- Participants will receive assistance with filling out the housing application, housing search and leasing.
- Participants will be offered connections to education, training, employment and community resources.
- Participants will be supported from program referral to program exit by a Peer Navigator who identifies as a liberated individual.