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IDEAS TO SUPPORT PEOPLE WITH IDD

## \$25 million for IDD housing in 2024

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### Who is working on this issue?

The Arc of King County and  
The Arc of Washington

### Advocacy areas

Housing

### What is the problem you are trying to solve?

- We need to fill the gap! In 2023, Commerce received requests for \$82 million to build IDD housing, but only had \$25 million to award.

We have 37,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) who are housing unstable, including many people living with parents in their 70s, 80s, and 90s who need to transition into supported housing.

We were successful last year and secured record amounts in the capital budget for housing for people with IDD.

But there were MANY more requests than funding allowed. There are projects ready to go, but because they will house people with extremely low, fixed income, and need to be ADA accessible, they need public funding to be viable.

Most adults with IDD live on about \$700 to \$900 a month – or in affordable housing terms, well below 30% area median income. Even many affordable housing projects shut out people with IDD by not reserving enough units for people with extremely low income and not making enough units ADA accessible.



### What is your proposed solution?

- Make an additional \$25 million capital investment in housing designed for people with IDD and capital costs of housing-related services.

People with IDD need both the physical space AND services to live independently. We need investments in both.

## Why is this a good solution?



For years our housing needs were not met by the homeless and behavioral health initiatives funded by the Housing Trust Fund.

We would get a handful of homes built or renovated when we needed hundreds.

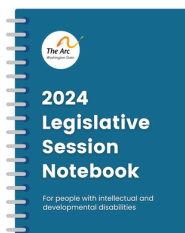
We need a mix of models, including larger integrated multifamily housing with set-asides for people with IDD, and scattered-site housing that can be used for adult family homes or similar 2- to 4-person settings that cater to people with IDD.

Duplexes, triplexes, and single-family homes are needed. They need to be accessible to people with a variety of disabilities and need to be located near public transit, where available.

IDD housing needs larger bathrooms, doorways, and kitchens. We need noise-mitigation and durable construction.

Related infrastructure can include parking for care staff, office and medical storage space for residential care providers, and space for co-location of community services.

What is the fiscal impact?	Is there a bill number?	Is there a legislator working on this issue?
\$25 million	<u>HB 2089</u> and <u>SB 5949</u>  Capital budget bills for House and Senate	Rep. Steve Tharinger, 24th LD, <a href="mailto:steve.tharinger@leg.wa.gov">steve.tharinger@leg.wa.gov</a> chairs the House Capital Budget Committee  Sen. Mark Mullet, 5th LD, <a href="mailto:mark.mullet@leg.wa.gov">mark.mullet@leg.wa.gov</a> is the Senate lead for the capital budget



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