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In partnership with the City of Seattle, City of Olympia, and partners throughout the state of Washington, the Low Income Housing Institute is now one of the largest providers of Tiny Houses in the nation, ensuring that people's experience in homelessness is safe, dignified and as brief as possible.



THE PROBLEM

In the state of Washington, there are currently more than 40,000 homeless individuals living in either shelters or in the outdoors. More than 7,000 of these individuals are part of a family with children (WA Dept. of Commerce). In King County, the 2019 point-in-time count documented that there were 5,288. While Veteran homelessness and chronic homelessness have gone down in recent years, the current stock of shelters and affordable housing cannot keep up with the dramatic increase in the number of homeless people.



OUR SOLUTION

In 2015, LIHI started building Tiny House Villages as a response to the homeless crisis and as a replacement for tents. Tiny houses offer tremendous benefits over tents – they are safe, weatherproof and lockable – and the Tiny House Villages allow residents to reclaim their dignity and get on a path to permanent housing, employment and connection to supportive services.



OUR COMMUNITIES

There are currently 9 Tiny House Villages in Seattle and 1 in Olympia. Each village has hygiene facilities, utility access, and a supportive neighboring community that is actively engaged in the success of the residents. LIHI partners with residents at 6 villages in co-operative, democratic management of the communities. These 10 villages support over 1000 residents annually.





THE HOUSES

By collaborating with volunteers, building trade organizations, and non-profits, tiny houses offer a grassroots solution to a growing program. A tiny house is approximately 8' x 12' and materials cost \$2,500. All tiny houses are safe, sturdy structures that help protect homeless individuals and families who are faced with sleeping on the streets in unsheltered and unsafe conditions.



AMENITIES – MORE THAN HOUSES

Each house has electricity, overhead light, insulation, and a heater. Each village has a kitchen, bathroom facilities, offices for on-site case managers, ample storage, and a check in house for security.



OUR SUCCESSES

Through our supportive services and housing resources, residents of the Tiny House Villages have experienced success in moving out of homelessness. We have helped hundreds of village residents move into permanent housing and find employment.



COMMUNITY, VOLUNTEERS & THE FUTURE

Working with our self-management and advocacy partners such as Camp Second Chance and Interbay Safe Harbor, village residents participate in community meetings, do daily litter patrols, and serve as eyes on the street in the neighborhood. Volunteers, neighbors, and donors play a huge part in building the houses, setting up the villages, and providing food and supplies. The City of Seattle is a major partner, providing land and operating funds. Together we are finding new ways to help people in crisis. We continue to forge new partnerships and are working to open more villages in the near future.

HOW TO HELP

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN THE TINY HOUSE VILLAGES:

DONATE

Give a donation or sponsor a tiny house for \$2,500.
Contact Stephen Elaimy at **206-957-8033** or selaimy@lihi.org.
Donations can be made on our website (www.lihi.org) or
by check to **2407 1st Ave Seattle, WA 98121**

BUILD

Do you or your group want to build and donate a tiny house?
For more details, contact
Brad Gerber at **206-276-3552** or bradgerber@lihi.org.

VOLUNTEER

Learn about upcoming volunteer work parties by signing up at lihi.org/tiny-houses. Volunteer or organize a donation drive by contacting the
Tiny House Team at tinyhouses@lihi.org or **206-957-8067**

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Recognizing LIHI's groundbreaking Tiny House Villages as
a national model for the homeless crisis, the Puget Sound
Business Journal named LIHI as its non-profit Innovation
Award Honoree for 2018

USA TODAY Gannett Foundation \$100,000 A Community
Thrives Grant Winner, June 2019

LIHI was selected from among hundreds of applicants to
receive the highest award level. A Community Thrives
awards grants to worthy causes in communities across
the U.S. to help drive positive change. The program
enables non-profits to promote their ideas and efforts on a
national platform.



For more information on the tiny house villages, please visit www.lihi.org/tiny-houses or reach out to tinyhouses@lihi.org