



Memorandum

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TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
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TITLE:

Housing Action Plan Implementation Progress Report

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Staff will provide Council with information on efforts to implement the 2021 Housing Action Plan. The presentation will showcase what has been implemented, what is in progress, what will be worked on next. A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) staff will join City staff for the presentation. The Housing Action Plan identifies several tools and various strategies to address local housing needs.

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☒ **Receive Information** ☐ **Provide Direction** ☐ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Comprehensive Plan; supports goals HO-2, HO-7, and HO-8 of Housing Element.
2021 Housing Action Plan
- **Required:**
N/A
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
The 2021 Housing Action Plan (HAP) is a guiding tool to assist the city in addressing the housing needs in Redmond that were identified through the Housing Needs Assessment.

The HAP was funded through a state grant intended to incentivize cities to take actions to increase the variety of housing types available and to increase urban residential density. The City has since received two additional planning grants for housing: a Housing Action Plan Implementation grant (\$100,000) focused on optimizing the City's inclusionary zoning and multifamily property tax exemption programs, and a Middle Housing grant (\$120,000) focused on identifying and removing barriers to middle housing. Work on both grants is underway with deliverables due in June 2023.

OUTCOMES:

This presentation will provide updates on the implementation of the Housing Action Plan. The information provided to Council will assist its review, evaluation, and prioritization of housing programs and strategies.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
Phase 1: Initial Engagement - May to July 2020
Phase 2: Community check-in on HAP - January 2021 to March 2021
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
HAP outreach efforts included stakeholder interviews, focus groups, an initial community questionnaire and a final community questionnaire.
- **Feedback Summary:**
Phase 1 outreach results indicated that housing affordability is an issue for many; Redmond is a desirable place to live; homeownership is out of reach for many; lack of housing is a challenge for businesses; new housing types are needed; and people face stigmas about their housing.
Phase 2 outreach results affirmed the draft strategies, prioritizing affordable housing and calling for a diversity of housing stock such as townhomes, duplexes, and low-maintenance housing for seniors.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

Housing and Human Services programs are funded in part through the Housing and Human Services offer, which has a biennial authorization of \$6,900,597.

Approved in current biennial budget: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Budget Offer Number:

0000037 - Housing and Human Services

Budget Priority:

Vibrant and Connected

Other budget impacts or additional costs: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

General fund and Washington State Department of Commerce grants totaling \$220,000.

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

☐ Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
2/21/2023	Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services	Receive Information

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	N/A	N/A

Time Constraints:

N/A

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

This is an informational briefing. Staff is not seeking Council action.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - 2023 Work Summary

Attachment B - Council Issues Matrix

Attachment C - Presentation