

HOUSING ACTION PLAN

HOUSING OPTIONS FOR ALL



Urban Experience Committee Meeting
June 8, 2020

Background

- In 2019, WA Legislature passed RCW 36.70A.600 (formerly E2SHB 1923) to incentivize cities to increase urban residential capacity through recommended actions or a housing action plan
- City of Spokane received a planning grant from the WA Department of Commerce
- Exempt from SEPA action for certain non-project actions only if completed prior to **April 1, 2021**.



Spokane Housing Action Plan

Provide the City with
a strategic approach
to address current
and future housing
needs of the
Spokane community

The goal of the Housing Action Plan is to encourage construction of:

- Additional affordable and market rate housing,
- Greater variety of housing types, and
- At prices accessible to people in a wider range of incomes.



Project Approach



Community-Informed



Data-Driven



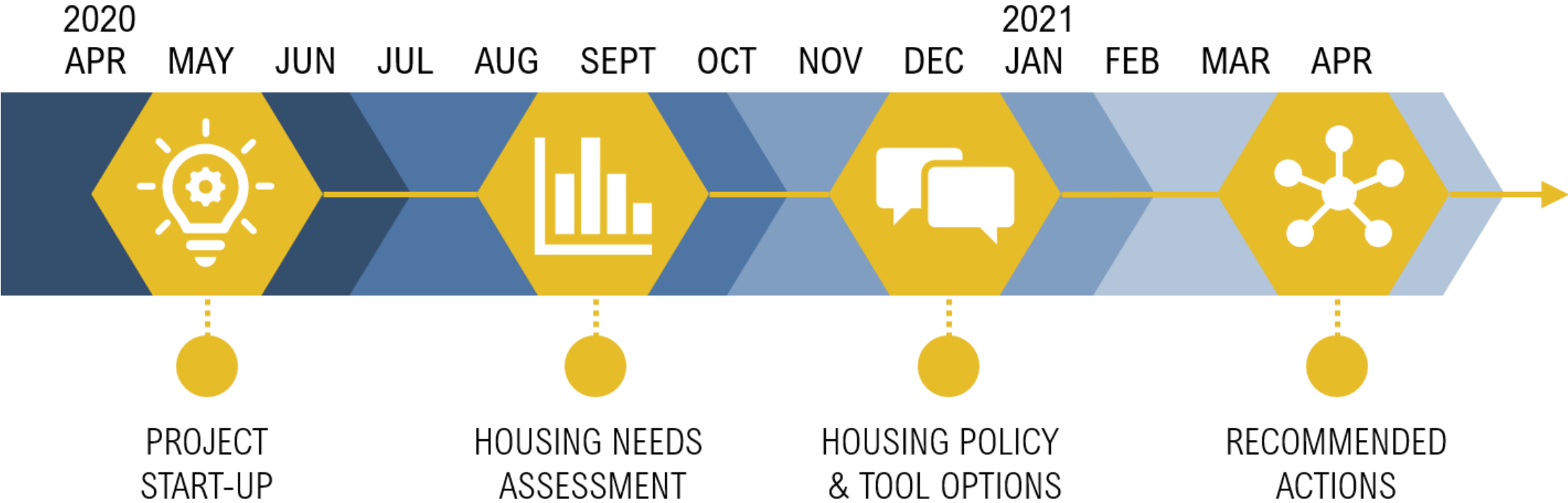
Focus on Equity

Outcome

Coordinated vision that supports more residents being able to find a home that meets their needs and income level

- Assess housing policies,
- Development regulations, and
- Other city programs that influence housing

Major Tasks and Timeline



Key Questions:

- ▶ How much housing, and what types of housing, are needed to meet current and future community needs?
- ▶ How effective are our current policies at increasing housing options and supply?
- ▶ How do we encourage the development of housing for all income levels, including low-income, moderate, and market rate housing?
- ▶ What strategies can the City consider to minimize and prevent displacement of low-income residents to support equitable growth for all?
- ▶ How can the City, residents, builders, service providers, businesses, and non-profits work together to improve Spokane's housing options?

Data Sources

- 2017 American Community Survey
- 2010 American Community Survey/2010 Census
- HUD
- Census OnTheMap
- Zoning
- Comprehensive Plan
- PolicyMap
- Zillow
- WA Center for Real Estate Research Market
- Local Sources, Employers, Institutions, and Organizations
- Community Members



Equitable, inclusive and representative engagement is important to reflect the diversity of perspectives and priorities in our community

Potential Stakeholders

- Public Agencies
- Local Governments
- City Council
- Plan Commission
- County Commissioners
- Tribes and Tribal Organizations
- Non-Profit Housing Advocates
- Non-Profit Housing Developers
- Local Builders and Organizations
- Local Realtors
- Local Banks
- Local Religious Groups and Organizations
- Community-Based Organizations
- Community Centers
- Neighborhood Councils
- Diversity and Cultural Organizations
- Health Organizations
- Transportation Agencies
- Homelessness and Anti-Poverty Organizations
- Family Crisis Service Providers
- Education, University and Colleges
- Public Development Authorities
- Local Media
- Trusted Community Advocates
- Community Members

Internal Team

- Multidisciplinary team of City staff to provide expertise and insight on the Housing Action Plan throughout the process
 - Planning Services
 - CHHS
 - Development Services
 - Building
 - Code Enforcement
 - Integrated Capital Management
 - City Council
 - Mayor's Office



Housing Action Plan Working Group

- Provide guidance and feedback on data analysis, community engagement, project materials
- Community stakeholders:
 - Private Developers
 - Non-Profit Developers
 - Service Providers
 - Community Members



Engagement Activities

Interviews

Focus
Groups

Community
Survey

Meeting in a
Box

Storytelling

Online Open
House

Project
Website

Fact Sheets

Email
Newsletter

Blog Posts
and Social
Media

Press
Release

Media
Outreach

Next Steps

- Housing Needs Assessment data gathering and analysis
 - Community Profile
 - Workforce Profile
 - Housing Inventory
- Website and Information Sheet
- Form Housing Action Plan Working Group

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