

House Key Plus ARCH East King County Downpayment Assistance Program

Resolution to update program and streamline
administration



Downpayment Assistance Program

Background

- Established in 2005; funded again in 2007 and 2012
- Provides up to \$30k deferred payment loans for eligible homebuyers in ARCH's geographic area
- Program funding partners:
 - ARCH - \$600k
 - King County* - \$900k
 - Washington State Housing Finance Commission (WSHFC) - \$900k



Program Updates



- Usage slowed since 2010 with increased home prices.
- Program partners identified needed updates to program terms to increase usage and support buyers.
- Recommended changes are outlined in ARCH Executive Board Memo.

Recommendation Rationale

- DPA program has demonstrated success but requires updates to continue to be a valuable tool for low- and moderate-income buyers looking to purchase in East King County.
- Recommended changes would:
 - Better meet the needs of eligible buyers.
 - Align the DPA program with ARCH's Affordable Homeownership Program, which provides some of the only affordable entry points to homeownership in East King County.
 - Clarify and simplify administrative responsibilities to ARCH and the administering agency.
- No additional funding is required at this time.

Council Action

Resolution would approve recommended revisions to the House Key Plus ARCH (East King County) Down Payment Assistance Program, authorize execution of related agreements, and ratify prior actions taken in support of said program, all as recommended by the Executive Board for ARCH.

