



Media Statement

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A Way Home Washington (AWHWA) is a part of a statewide movement dedicated to preventing and ending youth and young adult homelessness. Since its launch in 2018, the Anchor Community Initiative, funded through private grants, has made significant strides by conducting vital research, analyzing data, and providing community coaching, planning, and convening partners.

As we approach the sunset of these private grant funds, AWHWA is taking proactive steps to transfer our work to other mission-aligned organizations. Our strategy involves transitioning the work to trusted community partners and organizations that share our vision. This shift is not a reflection of the quality or success of AWHWA's knowledge, programs, or team, but an intentional move towards sustaining our impact.

The decision was made by AWHWA's advisory committee and our fiscal sponsor, TSNE, with the future of AWHWA's work in mind. By transitioning AWHWA's work to key partners, we build upon AWHWA's accomplishments by improving efficiencies, consolidating functions, and increasing our reach to support a more diverse population of youth and young adults across Washington.

Importantly, the state's funding for direct services to youth and young adults will remain unaffected. AWHWA led the development of the Homelessness Prevention & Diversion Fund—providing fast, flexible, and low-barrier access to resources for long-term housing solutions—and this funding will remain unaffected. We will work over the coming weeks to transfer the technical support of this successful program so that young people can continue to access this vital support.

AWHWA's top priority is ensuring a smooth transition for both our work and our dedicated staff. We are deeply committed to minimizing disruptions and will collaborate closely with our partners to protect the well-being of the youth and communities we serve. Together, our collective efforts will strengthen as we continue to advance meaningful progress toward ending youth homelessness in Washington state.

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