

Lived Experience Alternate Representative

Application

Applications due: Friday, November 20, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.



ABOUT THE TASK FORCE

Washington law (RCW 43.185C.160) asks each county to have a Homeless Housing Task Force that includes at least one person who has experienced homelessness. Chelan and Douglas counties share one Task Force, managed by Chelan County since 2021. The Task Force:

- Guides the **five-year homeless housing plan** for Chelan and Douglas counties (current plan: 2025–2030)
- Decides how homeless housing grant dollars are shared with local organizations. This happens every two years; the next grant cycle begins in **Spring 2027**.

ABOUT THIS ROLE

The Alternate Representative attends Task Force meetings and votes in place of the Lived Experience Representative when that member can't attend. Your voice helps make sure decisions reflect what people experiencing homelessness actually need.

- **Term:** Two years — January 2027 through December 2028
- **Meetings:** Quarterly, Wednesdays, 3:30–5:00 p.m., plus occasional special meetings. The 2027 schedule will be set in December 2026, and you'll receive it before you're appointed.
- **Attendance:** Please plan to attend every meeting. If you can't make one, just let the Homeless Program Supervisor know ahead of time. Three unexcused absences in 12 months may lead to removal by the voting members.
- **Support:** You don't need any special background. Staff will help you get ready for meetings and explain anything that's unfamiliar.
- **Volunteer role:** This is an unpaid volunteer position.

HOW TO APPLY

Return this application any of these ways:

- **Email:** jon.davies@co.chelan.wa.us
- **Drop off or mail:** Chelan County, Attn: Jon Davies, 400 Douglas St., Suite 201, Wenatchee, WA 98801

Need help filling this out? Want it in another format or language? Contact **Jon Davies, Homeless Program Supervisor**, at **509-667-6685** or jon.davies@co.chelan.wa.us. We're happy to help.

Esta solicitud está disponible en español.

ABOUT YOU

First name

Last name

County you live in: ☐ Chelan ☐ Douglas

Phone number

Email address

Best way to reach you: ☐ Phone call ☐ Text ☐ Email ☐ Other:

Optional: If we can't reach you directly, is there an agency or case manager who can pass along a message?

YOUR EXPERIENCE

Share only what you're comfortable sharing. We're interested in what you learned and what would help others — not the hardest details. General answers are welcome, and there's no need to describe difficult moments. There are no right or wrong answers.

1. Have you experienced homelessness at any point in your life, including now?

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. How could your life experience help the Task Force make decisions about reducing homelessness in our area?

3. If you're comfortable sharing, and thinking about your experience in general, what resources or services helped you, or what do you wish had been available? *(Optional)*

4. If appointed, how would you speak up for other people experiencing homelessness?

COMMITMENT

☐ I am able and willing to serve a two-year term (January 2027 - December 2028).

Signature (typing your full name counts as a signature)

Date

OPTIONAL — HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY?

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| ☐ Newspaper / online news | ☐ Social media | ☐ Friend or family |
| ☐ Service provider / case manager | ☐ Elected official | ☐ Current or former Task Force member |
| ☐ Other: <input type="text"/> | | |

Thank you for applying. We'll contact every applicant. Interviews are planned for **early December**. Questions? Call **509-667-6685** or email jon.davies@co.chelan.wa.us.