

February 10, 2022

To: Marc Dones
Chief Executive Officer
King County Regional Homeless Authority

RE: Refugee Women's Alliance Support for LIHI Seattle Non-Congregate Shelter Application

Dear CEO Dones,

The Refugee Women's Alliance (ReWA) writes to support the application of the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) for funding to develop, operate and provide services at the Southend Tiny House Village in the Rainier Beach community. Truevine of Holiness Missionary Baptist Church will sponsor the village.

For 35 years ReWA has been providing holistic services to help refugee and immigrant women and families thrive here in Washington. ReWA will provide wrap-around housing assistance and intensive case management, including behavioral health services, to the residents of Southend Village. The village will serve up to 60 persons, including homeless families, single adults and couples from the African American, refugee and immigrant, and BIPOC communities in and around the Rainier Beach area. ReWA is particularly well qualified to serve South Seattle's diverse refugee and immigrant residents. Our services are available in over 50 languages and dialects including Amharic, Somali, Arabic, Tigrinya, Lao, and Spanish.

As the King County Regional Homelessness Authority recognizes, there is an urgent need for emergency transitional shelter housing in South Seattle. ReWA is excited to have this opportunity to partner with LIHI and Truevine to develop this new resource for homeless families, individuals, and couples in the Rainier Beach area. We urge KCRHA to support Southend Village.

Sincerely,



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