

# Housing Solutions Partnership

Advisory Group Meeting | August 26, 2024

**Coeur d'Alene Press Column:** The articles Kiki Miller has been writing for The Coeur d'Alene Press are posted to the Partnership's new website at <https://www.housingni.org/news-events/>. Each article highlights an item from the Solutions Toolkit, or other topics related to increasing the affordability and availability of local worker housing. Please share these articles with others.

**Subcommittee Reports:** Committee reports have typically been on the agenda for the Working Group and Advisory Group meetings, but that is creating redundancy for individuals who are in both groups. From now on, subcommittee reports will only be shared in the Advisory Group meetings.

**Working Group Structure:** Kiki Miller reached out to all local jurisdictions to see if they have an elected or other official who would like to join the Working Group. These participants shape the work of the Partnership as well as share information with their organization. New members will be joining the Working Group in the coming months.

**Partnership Oversight:** Panhandle Area Council manages fiscal oversight for the partnership, which is a volunteer-led community group. PAC will deposit funds, monitor restricted-use funds, pay invoices and oversee Memorandums of Understanding or contracts. There are enough funds to operate through the end of the year. As projects come up, Kiki and subcommittees reach out for sponsors to cover any associated costs.

**ADU Subcommittee:** The ADU Subcommittee shared [Accessory Dwelling Unit](#) plans with building officials and planners from all local jurisdictions and is gathering feedback. An addendum to explain how the ADU plans can be used in each jurisdiction is being created. All will be pulled into one large packet for jurisdictions to proof before the plans are made available to the public. A launch is tentatively planned for September 9. Kiki and Taryn Post will draft a marketing plan for the launch of the ADU plans, including photos and a press release to recognize the designers who submitted the ADU plans. Subcommittee members fundraised to pay for marketing of the ADU program and to award stipends to the winning designers.

**Coeur d'Alene Regional Realtors:** The Coeur d'Alene Regional Realtors CROWD Foundation is launching a [fundraising campaign](#) with a rollout at the Realtors' September 7 general membership meeting. The campaign will encourage voluntary, restricted donations to the [Idaho Home Partnership Foundation](#). The funds could be used for grants, distributed in conjunction with a prequalified buying team, to be used for land acquisitions and buydowns on properties/silent second mortgages for local workers. Marketing materials will be available soon for the partnership to share with others in the community.

**Home Stay Program Feasibility Study:** The University of Idaho will be helping with a feasibility study on an [Education/Health Care Home Stay Program](#). The study will evaluate the need and potential for a home stay program. The program could provide grants to property owners to retrofit homes to enable them to provide living space for students or workers in the education and health care fields. Funds could be used to add a separate bathroom, separate entrance, parking space or egress or other upgrade needed to share the home with others. In exchange for funding, property owners would agree to house someone for a set period of time. Potential funding sources and administrators have been identified. The home stay subcommittee will meet August 29 and is securing sponsors to support the study.

**Development Agreement Workshop:** A free Development Agreement Workshop is planned for 3:30-5 p.m. October 15 at the Best Western CDA Inn following the Association of Idaho Cities fall training. Tricia Nilsson from Idaho's chapter of the American Planning Association will discuss how development agreements have been used and can be used in Idaho. Representatives from local jurisdictions and the development community will attend. NIBCA will send out invites and encourage members to attend.

**Joint Planning Workshop:** The partnership's Joint Planning Workshop is set for 5 p.m. November 7 at the Kootenai County Administration Building. The occupancy limit is 79 people so, if needed, other locations will be considered. Kiki is looking for volunteers to help plan the event and flesh out the agenda. The Working Group discussed the possibility of a panel discussion to share updates and launched ToolKit Solutions. Other possible agenda items include an update on the ADU project, a KMPO presentation, zoning, and sharing of new data including the Home Stay ToolKit item and feasibility study and Commuter Projections report. More will be added. An open discussion period/Q&A is planned at the end of the meeting. Anyone able to help plan the workshop should email [kikimillercouncilor@gmail.com](mailto:kikimillercouncilor@gmail.com).

**Presentations:** Kiki is reaching out to local jurisdictions to see if they would like the partnership to give a presentation and share updates and progress. Because there are so many ToolKit items, Kiki is asking interested parties to narrow the scope of the presentation to items they are most interested in learning about. Working Group members with expertise in specific areas may be asked to help with presentations. If you are willing to present, please contact Kiki.

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