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## Longview leader Chris Pegg honored as Friend of Housing



Christina Pegg, executive director of the Longview Housing Authority, accepts the Friend of Housing award at the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Housing Washington conference in Spokane.

SEATTLE—In recognition of her leadership of one of the state's most effective housing authorities, Christina Pegg of Longview has been honored as a Friend of Housing by the Washington State Housing Finance Commission.

"As executive director, Chris Pegg has greatly increased the effectiveness and innovation of the Longview Housing Authority, to the benefit of the people of southwest Washington," said Karen Miller, chair of the Housing Finance Commission. "This honor is richly deserved."

Pegg was one of five Friend of Housing awards presented October 8 in a ceremony at the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Housing Washington conference in Spokane.

Friend of Housing awards are presented each year to individuals or organizations who have made exceptional contributions to creating or supporting affordable housing. Examples include helping to solve housing problems, creating innovative financing mechanisms, or drafting legislation or policy that addresses the state's housing needs.

Christina Pegg has over 27 years of experience in the development and management of affordable housing and a variety of federal and state housing programs. As head of the Longview Housing Authority since 1998 (as well as of the Joint Pacific County Housing Authority), her

jurisdiction covers more than 5,000 square miles in rural southwest Washington with a portfolio of 1,400 Housing Choice vouchers and more than 300 rental units of affordable housing.

Pegg has tirelessly sought new ways to provide needed housing, creating nationally recognized programs that serve homeless veterans, victims of domestic violence and other special-needs populations. As noted in the award presentation, she also finds innovative ways to support other important community services; for example, working to ensure that Longview's Family Finance Resource Center could continue its critical foreclosure counseling services.

Pegg is also active in local and national advocacy organizations, including the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO). She is a past President of the Association of Washington Housing Authorities and Pacific Northwest Regional Council of NAHRO. She was selected by her peers as a NAHRO Fellow in October 2012.

Pegg is a graduate of the Bank of America Leadership Academy and holds a BS degree in business administration and a certificate in human resource management from Linfield College.

For more information on Housing Washington and the Friend of Housing Awards, see www.wshfc.org/conf.

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Celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> year in 2013, the <u>Washington State Housing Finance Commission</u> is a publicly accountable, self-supporting team that works with lenders, investors, developers, nonprofit organizations and more to bring private investment dollars to benefit families and achieve public goals throughout Washington. The Commission has created and preserved more than 275,000 affordable homes across the state, while contributing more than \$42.5 billion and 240,000 jobs to the economy.