

# Domestic Violence Housing First

PROGRAMS IN WASHINGTON HAVE BEEN USING THE **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOUSING FIRST APPROACH** TO GET SURVIVORS INTO STABLE HOUSING AND THEN PROVIDE THE SUPPORT NEEDED TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES.



## 1,452

INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES PARTICIPATED

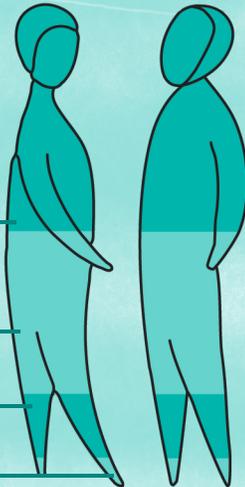
45% were able to stay in their own home with the support of flexible financial assistance and advocacy

33% received support around preparing to move into stable housing

13% moved from homeless to housed

7% moved from one home to another

2% unknown/not reported



2566 DISBURSEMENTS TOTALING  
**\$873,292.31**



from **56¢** to **\$5,450**



**\$340.33** average disbursement



**93%** of disbursements were under **\$1000**

## IMPACT:

Survivors feel more equipped to move forward and rebuild.

Survivors regain control over their lives and start to heal.

Stability and safety means kids can be kids again.

*"When my kids feel like I'm safe, they're okay. For us to be [housing] stable, it matters a lot—they feel secure."*  
— Domestic Violence Survivor

### Key Learnings:

- Financial assistance and advocacy need to be totally flexible.
- More advocates and resources are required in order to adequately support all survivors.
- It takes time and effort to adapt to a new way of providing services.