At Capitol Hill Housing, the right of everyone to have a quality, affordable home drives our work. By embracing community-led development and engaging in deep partnerships, we’re fostering vibrant, engaged communities. As an affordable housing provider, we got our start in the Capitol Hill area of Seattle and, as our region transformed, so did we. Today, with nearly 50 apartment buildings, we continue to work alongside communities in the Seattle area to meet their goals.

Building Beyond Buildings

2019: A year in review

Liberty Bank Building Ribbon Cutting (above): With 115 affordable residences and space for three small businesses, the building opened on March 23 at the site of the original Liberty Bank, the first Black-owned bank in the Pacific Northwest. The celebration honored the history of the African American and African diaspora communities that call the Central District home amid a constant threat of displacement, preserving a legacy of resilience.

- **Station House** brings much needed affordable housing for working families to the Capitol Hill light rail station.
- **LGBTQ-affirming Low-Income Senior Housing**, in partnership with GenPride, creates a safe, welcoming home for LBGTQ seniors in the heart of Capitol Hill.
- **Africatown Plaza** places building ownership directly in the hands of the Central District community through the Africatown Community Land Trust.
- **Yesler Family Housing** brings together the Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority (SCIDpda) and the Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) in partnership to create urgent and lasting affordability for families in the Seattle Crescent.
- **Jazz House** keeps culture, education, and music close to the families who will live above it in the Rainier Valley.
- **Northgate Equitable Transit-Oriented Development** is a CHH and Bridge Housing partner project that brings a vibrant, diverse neighborhood to life by connecting a community where quality of life is improved for all.
- **The White Center HUB** is just that – a place to access healthcare, community, and affordable living in one of the most vibrant neighborhoods of King County.
- **Annex**, in partnership with YouthCare, creates supportive housing and employment services for newly housed young people – along with workforce housing close to the Capitol Hill light rail.
- **Bonanza** is the preservation and rehabilitation of the Ponderosa, El Nor and 18th Avenue buildings in the Central District. Work began in 2019 and continues in 2020 to improve seismic safety and address the buildings’ capital needs.

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LGBTQ-affirming Senior Housing answers the need for affordable housing welcoming to LGBTQ elders who face significant health risks due to displacement and isolation, reclaiming Capitol Hill as the historic center of LGBTQ life in Seattle. In August, an advisory committee of LGBTQ-led organizations convened a public meeting to gather input on community priorities for the space. Above: Community Member Caesar Briones participates in a community meeting led by GenPRIDE, the ground floor tenant.

Investing in Public Life In August, the Capitol Hill EcoDistrict led a delegation to study how people move through and linger in Copenhagen, Denmark, renowned for its public spaces. The group brought home insights and ideas to help develop a shared vision for public life in Capitol Hill’s parks, alleys, sidewalks, and streets to support the health, vitality, and livability of this vibrant community for all its residents and visitors. Above: The delegation in Copenhagen included members of the Capitol Hill EcoDistrict Steering Committee, Seattle Central College, Sound Transit, the Seattle City and King County Councils, the Seattle Dept. of Transportation, the WA Dept. of Transportation, 4Culture, Seattle University, Capitol Hill Housing, Kaiser Permanente, the GSBA, the Bullitt Foundation, Blanton Turner, Shiels Obletz Johnsen, and consultants from COurban Design Collective and Framework Cultural Placemaking.