ENDING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PRE-APPRENTICESHIPS

THE NEED
Thousands of young people across Washington State live every day without a home. Access to affordable housing is essential to achieving stability, but education and employment training are key to ending youth homelessness. While the economy is booming, Washington's homeless youth lack the opportunity to gain critical skills needed to enter our future workforce.

40,365
Washington students experienced homelessness in 2017-2018

THE OPPORTUNITY
In 2019, Washington passed landmark legislation, HB 2158, which established a workforce education investment to reduce education and career attainment gaps. This legislation offers a unique opportunity to build an equitable workforce development infrastructure that includes our state's most vulnerable youth.

740,000
new Washington jobs in the next 5 years

THE INVESTMENT
There are 7 YouthBuild programs in Washington. A $1.5 million investment could prevent existing YouthBuild programs from closing, generate a 25% state match required for federal grants, or fund additional pre-apprenticeship programs across the state.

PRE-APPRENTICESHIPS
Pre-apprenticeships are proven to be a successful bridge to stability for young people experiencing homelessness. Washington currently has 27 registered pre-apprenticeships, including YouthBuild, an evidence-based, construction training program supported by federal WIOA funds.

Washington YouthBuild Programs
Bremerton, Olympia, Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma, Yakima, Toppenish