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Lisa Vatske to lead Commission's Multifamily division

SEATTLE, Wash.—The Washington State Housing Finance Commission has named Lisa Vatske to lead its Multifamily Housing and Community Facilities division, overseeing more than \$650 million in bond and tax-credit financing each year throughout the state.

Vatske brings more than 20 years of experience in housing and community development to the Commission. She will take up her new position on May 1.

“I am very excited to return to working in affordable housing, a true passion of mine,” said Vatske. “The financing tools the Commission offers have a huge impact not just on housing, but on the economic vitality of the state. This is a great opportunity.”



As managing director of the state's Housing Trust Fund from 2004 to 2011, Vatske coordinated the investment of public dollars in affordable housing with multiple other funding sources, including those of the Housing Finance Commission.

Vatske is currently a program manager at the Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance under the state Department of Social and Health Services. She previously held the position of Director of Operational Support for the Employment and Career Development Division of the state Employment Security Department.

“Lisa brings a set of skills that will definitely complement those of our current leadership and the experienced team of professionals in the Multifamily division,” said Kim Herman, executive director of the Housing Finance Commission. “We look forward to her joining us.”

Over its 30-year history, the Housing Finance Commission has financed more than 97,000 multifamily apartments and other units at more than 900 properties statewide—primarily workforce housing, but also benefitting a wide range of low-income families, seniors and formerly homeless individuals.

Vatske's leadership will also encompass the Commission's non-housing programs. These include bond financing for nonprofit facilities and beginning farmers, as well as the innovative Sustainable Energy Program which has financed energy efficiency and renewable energy throughout the state.

As head of the Multifamily Housing and Community Facilities division, Vatske replaces Steve Walker, who left the Commission in January to direct the Seattle Office of Housing for Mayor Ed Murray.

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The [Washington State Housing Finance Commission](http://www.wshfc.org) is a publicly accountable, self-supporting team that brings private investment dollars to benefit families and achieve public goals throughout Washington. Over 30 years, the Commission has created and preserved affordable apartments and homeownership for more than 307,000 people across the state, while contributing more than \$42.5 billion and 240,000 jobs to the economy.

