

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Washington State Housing Finance Commission (the "Commission") will hold an open public hearing with respect to a proposed plan of financing for the issuance by the Commission of its Revenue Bond (Beginning Farmer/Rancher Program), Series 2023A (the "Bond") in the principal amount of not to exceed \$197,500. The Bond may be issued in one or more series from time to time and may include series of refunding obligations. The public hearing will be held virtually starting at 11:00 a.m., Monday, January 30, 2023.

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.030(2), which encourages public agencies to provide for public access to meetings, this public hearing can also be viewed via Zoom or joined telephonically.

To join virtually, please go to www.zoom.us, go to “Join a Meeting,” and enter:

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Please note that the line will be muted to the public except during the public comment portions of the hearing.

Proceeds of the Bond are expected to be loaned to Wyatt and Lauren Sitton to finance a portion of the costs of acquiring approximately 324.30 acres of agricultural land located 7.5 miles west of Washtucna, WA 99371 and 1/2 mile south of State Route 26 on the West side of Theil Road, north of East Hampton Rd. All land, property, fixtures, improvements and equipment financed with proceeds of the Bond will be used for farm and agricultural purposes. The Bond will be issued pursuant to RCW 43.180.290 for the purpose of providing farming property for a first-time farmer pursuant to Section 147(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”).

The public is invited to attend the hearing and make written or oral statements concerning the proposed plan of finance for the Bond and the project to be financed. This notice is intended to comply with the public notice requirements of Section 147(f) of the Code.

Written comments with respect to the proposed project and the proposed plan of financing for the Bond may be mailed or faxed to the attention of Dan Schilling, Multifamily Housing and Community Facilities Division, 1000 Second Avenue, Suite 2700, Seattle, WA 98104-3601, or fax to (206) 587-5113, for receipt no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, January 27, 2023. Public testimony will be heard from all interested members of the public attending the hearing. The Commission will consider the public testimony and written comments in determining if the project will receive funding from a tax-exempt bond.

Anyone requiring an accommodation consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Multifamily Housing and Community Facilities Division at 206-464-7139 or 1-800-767-HOME (in state) at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing.

The results of the hearing will be sent to the Governor for approval.