

Join the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust

Applications Now Being Accepted for One Position

The City of Somerville is seeking one new member to join the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust (SAHT) in a volunteer role. The current vacancy is for a City Resident representative. Applicants must be Somerville residents who are income-eligible for state and/or federal housing programs. If you're passionate about advancing affordable housing in our community, this is a great opportunity to make an impact.

What is the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust?

The SAHT is dedicated to creating and preserving affordable homes for renters and prospective owners with low- and moderate-income households in Somerville. Through a public process, Trustees evaluate project and program proposals and approve funding allocations to help increase the supply of affordable housing in our city.

Who can join?

Eligible applicants for the current vacancy must be Somerville residents who are income-eligible for state and/or federal housing programs. Applicants should have an interest in affordable housing issues and a commitment to advancing housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income households in Somerville.

What is the time commitment?

The Trust meets virtually on the second Thursday of each month at 5:15 p.m., with meetings typically lasting approximately 1.5 hours. Additional time for review of documents and occasional special meetings may be needed, for an estimated total of 4 hours per month.

What is the appointment process?

Applications are reviewed and candidates may be invited to interview. The Mayor then makes appointments, which for this seat must also be confirmed by the City Council. New members would then complete onboarding and are sworn in by the City Clerk before beginning service.

How do I apply?

Email: housingtrust@somervillema.gov

Mail: Sheniqua Roper, City of Somerville, OSPCD Housing Division, 50 Evergreen Ave., Somerville, MA 02145

Application materials:

Please submit a resume, cover letter, and any relevant supplemental materials.

Questions?

For questions or more information, contact Housing Trust at housingtrust@somervillema.gov or call 617-591-3200 ext. 2587.

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