

## **AWC's Small City Advisory Committee Statement of Purpose**

The Association of Washington Cities recognizes the need to explore new strategies to better respond to the needs of our smaller cities and towns. The Small Cities Advisory Committee serves as a resource to the Association, helping staff to identify training, publication, technical assistance, and legislative needs of cities and towns with fewer than 5,000 people.

- The Small Cities Advisory Committee consists of fourteen city and town officials. Eight to ten of the fourteen positions are filled by elected officials. The other positions can be filled by staff from cities or towns.
- The AWC Board President makes appointments to the Committee. When appointments are made, the Board President takes into consideration the size of jurisdiction, whether it is in a rural or urban area, and whether it is in eastern or western Washington, to ensure that a good mix of cities and towns are represented. The two members of the AWC Board who are elected from cities with populations of less than 5,000 serve on the Committee.
- Members of the Committee serve for two-year terms, and each member can serve two consecutive full terms. In some cases, the Board may allow a Committee member to serve more than two terms.
- The Committee meets at least twice a year -- at the City Legislative Action Conference in January or February, and at the Annual Convention in June. The Committee will communicate in other ways throughout the year (conference calls, memos, etc.)
- AWC staff members will look to the Committee for suggestions and guidance on work products or strategies to meet the needs of small cities and towns.
- The ideas and recommendations of the Committee will be submitted to AWC staff and the AWC Board for consideration.

***Approved by the AWC Small Cities Advisory Committee on June 17, 1994, and the AWC Board of Directors on October 7, 1994.***