The Washington Multi-Family Housing Association (WMFHA) is working hard to grow its Better Government Fund (BGF), an industry defense fund used to help support policies that strengthen the apartment industry in Washington. The WMFHA BGF can accept corporate contributions. Below you’ll find some common questions about the WMFHA BGF:

**What is the Better Government Fund?**

Because the Washington rental housing industry requires marketplace freedom and the preservation of private property rights to thrive – and because these foundational elements often are attacked by politicians and special interests alike – our industry has an ongoing need to defend itself.

The WMFHA BGF, established in 2018, is used to protect the state’s multifamily apartment industry from harmful legislation, and to fund the legal fight against civil actions that would severely curtail private property rights or financially harm Washington’s rental housing community.

Nationally and locally, the political and media landscape is changing for rental housing providers. An undersupply of housing units and increasing aggression by self-styled “tenants’ rights advocates” and reporters has created the possibility of California-style overregulation and including rent control. Rather than “hoping for the best,” the WMFHA has made a strategic choice to proactively confront these challenges by growing the BGF. This fund will be used to:

- Preserve the statewide prohibition on rent control.
- Oppose efforts to diminish private property rights in Washington.
- Protect the careful balance of the Washington Residential Landlord-Tenant Act.
- Oppose efforts to add unnecessary and costly regulation.
- Support long-term solutions to increase the production of rental housing including affordable and workforce housing.
- Preserve key private property protections.
- Prepare for impending litigation related to private property rights. We must be prepared to fight back at the highest levels of the judicial system.
- Support appeals on Superior court-level eviction related matters to prevent errant rulings or procedural matters from becoming precedent.