

**For Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) and Rapid Re-housing Clients Working
with Community Action Council of Lewis, Mason Thurston County
(Not a News Release)**

On June 30, 2022 Thurston County was notified by Community Action Council of Thurston, Mason, Lewis Counties (CACLMT) that the agency would not be renewing their Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) and Rapid Re-Housing contracts with the county. They also informed the county that they would not continue to provide services as sub-contractors under the Coordinated Entry contract. This notice effectively ends CACLMT's work under these three contracts on July 1, 2022.

Thurston County is committed to ensuring HEN and Rapid Re-housing clients continue to have their rent payments made while the county identifies a new provider to implement these programs. Thurston County is requesting client and landlord contact information from CACLMT in order to communicate program changes to clients and will provide additional information as it becomes available about rent payments.

If you are a participant of the HEN or Rapid Re-Housing programs and receive an eviction notice as a result of this change, please contact the Eviction Resolution Pilot Program at the Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) of Thurston County: 360-956-1155, ext. 113. The DRC provides mediation empowering participants to reach their own informed and mutually-acceptable agreements. The program is open for intake scheduling and questions Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Due to extremely high call volume, you can expect to leave a message, and anticipate a returned call when staff are next available. www.mediatethurston.org/eviction-resolution

If you are in a crisis situation, please call the Crisis Clinic at 360-586-2800. This is a 24-hour phone service offering crisis intervention, emotional support, and resource information. crisis-clinic.org

For HEN and Rapid Re-housing clients who have questions about this change, please contact Jessica Olson, jessica.olson@co.thurston.wa.us or 360-485-7501.

On July 1, 2022, Thurston County issued a [news release](#) on this matter.