

2023 Funding Announcement

Thurston County Board of County Commissioners approves grant awards for homeless services programs and affordable housing projects.

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

The Thurston County Board of Commissioners approved more than \$13 million in funding recommendations made by the Regional Housing Council (RHC).

The total funding amount for homeless services, awarded to 43 programs at 17 organizations, is \$12,087,109. The total affordable housing funding amount, awarded to three projects at two organizations, is \$1,075,000.

These funds, which come from local, state and federal sources, support important work in our community. The grants will be used for the operation of shelters, rent assistance, permanent supportive housing, case management, and creating new units of affordable housing.

“This year we came closer than ever to being able to fully fund grant requests from local service providers for the great work they do,” said Carolyn Cox, Chair of the RHC and Lacey City Councilmember. “This will enable these providers to broaden their reach and help more people.”

Funding Decisions Process

In February, [Thurston County Office of Housing & Homeless Prevention](#) invited community service providers to apply for the homeless services and affordable housing grants. Applications submitted by the due date, March 31, 2023, were reviewed and scored by the Regional Housing Council’s [Homeless Services Advisory Board](#) and the [Affordable Housing Advisory Board](#). Each board presented their recommendations to the [Regional Housing Council](#) (RHC) for approval.

Once the RHC approved the recommended funding choices, they were presented to the Thurston County [Board of County Commissioners](#) for final approval.

About the Regional Housing Council (RHC)

Thurston County and the cities of Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater and Yelm formalized the [Regional Housing Council \(RHC\)](#) in 2021 to leverage resources and partnerships through policies and projects promoting access to safe and affordable housing in Thurston County.

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Attachment: 2023 Homeless Services & Affordable Housing Funding Awards Lists

Regional Housing Council Members

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City of Lacey
Councilmember

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Commissioner

Dani Madrone
City of Olympia
Councilmember

Michael Althausen
City of Tumwater
Councilmember

Brian Hess
City of Yelm
Councilmember

2023 Homeless Services Funding Awards

Organization	Project	Award Amount
Build a Bus Home	Shower Power Plus	\$ 42,500.00
Catholic Community Services	Drexel PSH	\$ 208,315.00
Catholic Community Services	Rapid Re-Housing	\$ 724,438.00
Catholic Community Services	Drexel House Shelter	\$ 100,000.00
Catholic Community Services	Housing and Essential Needs	\$ 3,757,467.84
Catholic Community Services	Community Kitchen	\$ 122,000.00
Community Youth Services	Young Adult Housing	\$ 240,000.00
Community Youth Services	Services for Homeless Youth	\$ 362,000.00
Community Youth Services	Eviction Prevention Rental Assistance	\$ 151,966.00
Community Youth Services	Haven House	\$ 16,000.00
Family Support Center	Coordinated Entry	\$ 350,000.00
Family Support Center	Cold and Hazardous Weather	\$ 195,800.00
Family Support Center	Housing and Basic Needs	\$ 59,963.00
Family Support Center	Homeless Family Services	\$ 147,000.00
Family Support Center	Targeted Prevention for Families	\$ 439,902.00
Family Support Center	Rapid Re-Housing and PSH for families	\$ 340,000.00
Family Support Center	Family Shelter Program	\$ 909,636.00
Interfaith Works	Hazardous Weather	\$ 35,000.00
Interfaith Works	Sergio's	\$ 325,000.00
Interfaith Works	Unity Commons	\$ 817,208.00
Interfaith Works	Interfaith Works: LEHSC	\$ 50,000.00
Low Income Housing Institute	Billy Frank Jr Case Management	\$ 170,000.00
Olympia Mutual Aid Partners	Hazardous Weather Shelter in Place	\$ 35,000.00
Olympia Mutual Aid Partners	Safer Spaces/Smoke and Fire Mitigation	\$ 321,330.00
Olympia Mutual Aid Partners	Stability Stays	\$ 456,180.00
Olympia Mutual Aid Partners	Stability Stay Basic Needs	\$ 16,000.00
Olympia Mutual Aid Partners	Smoke and Fire Mitigation Basic Needs	\$ 27,323.00
Olympia Mutual Aid Partners	Nickerson/New Hope Site Support	\$ 8,000.00
Panza	Quixote Village	\$ 118,000.00
Partners in Prevention Education	Eviction Prevention Rental Assistance	\$ 533,080.00
Rebuilding Together	Critical Repairs AHHS	\$ 28,000.00

Rochester Organization of Families	Housing Basic Needs	\$ 15,000.00
Rochester Organization of Families	Rental Assistance	\$ 16,000.00
Rochester Organization of Families	Emergency Needs	\$ 15,000.00
SafePlace	Supportive Housing for Survivors	\$ 358,000.00
SafePlace	Emergency Shelter Operation and Maintenance	\$ 185,000.00
Senior Services of South Sound	Home Share Program	\$ 105,000.00
SideWalk	Consolidated Homeless Grant Program	\$ 40,000.00
South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity	Critical Home Repair	\$ 92,000.00
Thurston County Food Bank	Food Bank Collaboration	\$ 90,000.00
Thurston County Food Bank	The Other Bank	\$ 12,000.00
Together!	Housing Basic Needs	\$ 20,000.00
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Total		\$ 12,087,108.84

2023 Affordable Housing Funding Awards

Organization	Project	Award Amount
South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity	Yelm Longmire	\$ 500,000.00
Homes First	Acquisition of 721 O'Farrell St	\$ 125,000.00
Homes First	Rental Housing Property Acquisition	\$ 450,000.00
Total		\$ 1,075,000.00