

**Media Release****Department of Housing Services**

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[Annette\\_Evans@co.washington.or.us](mailto:Annette_Evans@co.washington.or.us)**GRANT FUNDING FOR HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS***Homeless Assistance grant award received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.*

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that \$2.7 million in Continuum of Care Program grant funds were awarded to Washington County under the new Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act, a reauthorization of the McKinney-Vento Act. In partnership, Washington County and non-profits will provide housing and supportive services to people experiencing homelessness.

The federal dollars awarded to Washington County are part of \$1.81 billion in competitive grants that the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development will distribute to local programs nationwide and in U.S. territories. “It’s a national shame that anyone would call the streets their home,” said U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Julián Castro. “Working with our local partners, we’re redoubling our efforts to support permanent housing solutions for our veterans and those experiencing long-term chronic homelessness. We’re also focused on providing targeted assistance to families and young people who are falling between the cracks. As a nation, we can and must end homelessness.”

This federal funding will provide to Washington County:

- \$1,623,684 for the Shelter Plus Care Program serving homeless people with disabling conditions. The program is administered by the Washington County Department of Housing Services in partnership with non-profit service providers.
- \$78,706 for the Tri-Haven Program serving homeless individuals with disabling conditions with services provided by Sequoia Mental Health Services Inc.
- \$87,300 for the Hillsboro Graduated Independent Living Program, a permanent housing program for chronically homeless individuals with services provided by Luke-Dorf, Inc.
- \$297,426 for the Garrett Lee Smith Safe Haven, a housing facility for chronically homeless individuals with services provided by Luke-Dorf, Inc.
- \$182,654 for the HopeSpring Program, a 12-month rapid re-housing program for homeless families with services provided by Lutheran Community Services Northwest.

- \$121,741 for the Transitional Living Program, a transitional housing program for older homeless youth ages 18 to 23 years with services provided by Boys and Girls Aid.
- \$210,294 for the CoC Rapid Re-Housing Program, a 24-month rapid re-housing program for homeless families with services provided by Community Action Organization.
- \$31,618 for the Housing Stabilization Program, a supportive service program that provides rapid exit from emergency shelter to permanent housing with services provided by the Good Neighbor Center.
- \$14,772 for the Washington County Transitional Housing Program, a short-term housing program for homeless families administered by the Housing Authority of Washington County in partnership with the Washington County Community Corrections.
- \$39,742 for the countywide Homeless Management Information System, a data-driven software system administered by the Washington County Department of Housing Services.

Locally, this federal award will also leverage an additional \$2.2 million in cash match and in-kind services that will fund socially-responsible and cost effective solutions identified in the County's *A Road Home: 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness*. The 10-Year Plan is online at <http://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/a-road-home.cfm>.