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County awarded federal funds to assist homeless

Snohomish County’s Human Services Department was awarded funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a new homeless assistance project.

The new project award of \$175,171 follows the county’s recent distribution of \$1.3 million in federal funding for 13 projects geared toward ending homelessness.

This new funding award will allow Catholic Community Services to provide additional housing and support services for people with disabilities who are experiencing homelessness.

“HUD funds help us address the needs of some of the most vulnerable citizens in Snohomish County by maximizing strong partnerships between local social services agencies that provide housing and support services,” said County Executive Aaron Reardon. “We must do everything possible during this economic crisis to help people find and keep housing while also protecting jobs.”

This newly funded project is part of the Everett/Snohomish County Continuum of Care, led by Human Services’ Office of Housing, Homelessness and Community Development (OHHCD). Snohomish County annually submits a grant application to HUD to fund a variety of projects geared toward ending homelessness.

During this year’s annual Point-in-Time Count, 2,362 people were counted as being homeless.

HUD Homeless Assistance funding is a significant source of funding for the county’s 10-year Everyone at Home NOW plan to reduce and end homelessness. The Continuum of Care awards provide more than 400 units of transitional and permanent housing for individuals and households who have experienced homelessness or are under threat of becoming homeless.

For more information on the local Continuum of Care, contact Jackie Anderson at 435-388-3237.

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