

RESOLUTION NO.

**CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING
THE HOME AMERICAN RESCUE ACTION PLAN (HOME-ARP) 2021 SUBSTANTIAL
AMENDMENT**

WHEREAS, the region comprising Skagit County, Whatcom County, and Island County has a shortage of homes which lower-wage workers and other low-income people can afford; and

WHEREAS, cooperation among local governments supports existing local efforts aimed at reducing homelessness and increasing the supply of homes lower-wage workers and others can afford to lease or own; and

WHEREAS, the federal government offers funding and technical assistance aimed at increasing the supply of decent, safe and affordable housing available to low-income and very low-income families, including offers from the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME Program) created in the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 appropriated \$5 billion to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homeless and other vulnerable populations, to be allocated by formula to jurisdictions that qualified for HOME Investment Partnerships Program allocations in Fiscal Year 2021; and

WHEREAS, a HOME Consortium of Skagit, Island and Whatcom Counties has been awarded \$3,591,066 in HOME-ARP funding from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development HUD) for a HOME Investment Partnerships Program; and

WHEREAS, the HOME ARP Action Plan for the HOME Consortium of Skagit, Island and Whatcom Counties was published, certified and approved in 2022; and

WHEREAS, this HOME Consortium recommends a substantial amendment of the HOME-ARP Action Plan to re-allocate \$1,051,716.64 of Whatcom County HOME ARP funding to eligible supportive services projects and activities; and

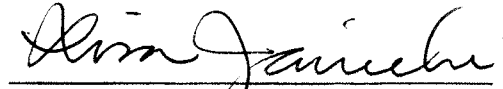
WHEREAS, this HOME Consortium seeks public guidance regarding this substantial amendment to the HOME-ARP Action Plan which will be submitted to HUD through a 2021 Substantial Action Plan Amendment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing to receive comments on the above substantial amendment to the HOME ARP Action Plan shall be held on Monday September 15, 2025 at 1:30 pm, or as soon thereafter as possible in the Commissioners Hearing Room in the County Administration Building, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, Washington.

PASSED this 11 day of August, 2025.



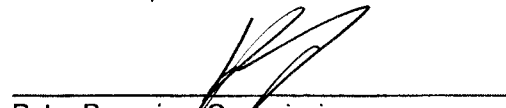
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Lisa Janicki, Chair

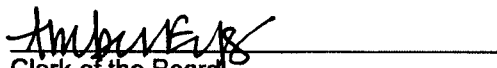
ABSENT

Ron Wesen, Commissioner



Peter Browning, Commissioner

Attest:



Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form:



Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Approved as to Content:



Department Head

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Skagit County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Monday September 15, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in the Skagit County Commissioners Hearing Room to receive comment regarding a substantial amendment to the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) American Rescue Plan (ARP) Action Plan. Attendance will be in person or remote by computer, tablet, or smartphone, and will be broadcast on Comcast Skagit 21 Television. Once the public hearing is opened, those who signed up will be called on one-at-a-time to provide public testimony for up to 3 minutes.

Skagit County, as Lead Agency for the Skagit County HOME Consortium, is undertaking a substantial amendment to the HOME ARP Action Plan to re-allocate \$1,051,716.64 of Whatcom County HOME ARP funding to eligible supportive services projects and activities. The purpose of this hearing is to obtain the views of citizens and other interested parties on the proposed substantial amendment to the HOME ARP Action Plan. The public comment period for the substantial amendment to the HOME ARP Action Plan opens at 8:30 a.m. August 22, 2025, and closes at 4:30 p.m. on September 22, 2025. Copies of HOME ARP amendment summary will be available at Skagit County Public Health, 301 Valley Mall Way, Suite 110, Mount Vernon, WA, or the documents may be downloaded at <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/HumanServices/HomeConsort.htm>. Written comments may be submitted to Shelley Kjos, Housing Resource Coordinator, 301 Valley Mall Way, Suite 110, Mount Vernon, WA 98273 or skjos@co.skagit.wa.us.

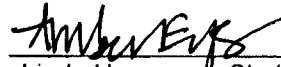
If you are unable to download the HOME ARP amendment summary, please contact Skagit County Public Health to request a copy (360-416-1513). Documents can be provided in alternative formats for people with disabilities and may also be translated upon request. Additional arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving three-day advance notice. Contact Linda Hammons at (360) 416-1300, or for Spanish language contact, contact Aracely Padilla at (360) 416-1544.

SE NOTIFICA A PARTIR DE ESTE MOMENTO que la Mesa de Comisionados del Condado de Skagit llevara a cabo una audiencia pública el lunes 15 de septiembre de 2025 a las 13:30 h en la Sala de Audiencias de los Comisionados del Condado de Skagit para recibir comentarios sobre una enmienda sustancial al Plan de Acción del Plan de Rescate Estadounidense (ARP) del Programa de Asociación para la Inversión en Viviendas (HOME). La asistencia será presencial o vía remota por computadora, tableta o teléfono inteligente, y se transmitirá por Televisión en el canal Comcast Skagit 21. Una vez abierta la audiencia pública, se llamará a los inscritos uno por uno para que brinden su testimonio público durante un máximo de 3 minutos.

El Condado de Skagit, como Agencia Principal del Consorcio HOME del Condado de Skagit, está llevando a cabo una enmienda sustancial al Plan de Acción del ARP de HOME para reasignar \$1,051,716.64 de los fondos del ARP de HOME del Condado de Whatcom a proyectos y actividades de servicios de apoyo elegibles. El propósito de esta audiencia es obtener la opinión de los ciudadanos y otras partes interesadas sobre la enmienda sustancial propuesta al Plan de Acción del ARP de HOME. El periodo de comentarios públicos para la enmienda sustancial al Plan de Acción del ARP de HOME comienza a las 8:30 a. m. el 22 de agosto 2025 y finaliza a las 4:30 p. m. el 22 de septiembre 2025. Se pueden obtener copias del resumen de la enmienda del ARP de HOME en el Departamento de Salud Pública del Condado de Skagit, 301 Valley Mall Way, Suite 110, Mount Vernon, WA, o puede descargar los documentos en <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/HumanServices/HomeConsort.htm>. Los comentarios escritos pueden enviarse a Shelley Kjos, Coordinadora de Recursos de Vivienda, 301 Valley Mall Way, Suite 110, Mount Vernon, WA 98273 o skjos@co.skagit.wa.us.

Si no puede descargar el resumen de la enmienda HOME ARP, por favor comuníquese con el Departamento de Salud Pública del Condado de Skagit para solicitar una copia (360-416-1513). Los documentos se pueden proporcionar en formatos alternativos para personas con discapacidad y también se pueden traducir si se solicitan. Se harán arreglos adicionales para atender razonablemente las necesidades especiales, como la accesibilidad o la presencia de un intérprete, tras recibir un aviso con tres días de anticipación. Comuníquese con Linda Hammons al (360) 416-1300 o, para hablar con alguien en español, póngase en contacto con Aracely Padilla, al (360) 416-1544.

NOTICE GIVEN by order of the Skagit County Board of Commissioners this ^{11th} 21 day of August, 2025.



Linda Hammons, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners

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