

# Housing & Homelessness

Skagit County Public Health partners with local cities and nonprofits to provide humanitarian response, emergency shelters, rental assistance and supportive services with the goal of improving access to housing and reducing homelessness



## HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

Skagit County supports the Housing Resource Center at Community Action, which allows people a single point of entry to access homeless services across the county. Community Action can make referrals to any housing/shelter provider in the county via a centralized housing interest pool. The HRC is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 330 Pacific Place, Mount Vernon.

Skagit County and the city of Mount Vernon have partnered on an Embedded Social Worker program to respond to a variety of street-level social issues. The program goal is to help connect people with a variety of needed services and reduce barriers to housing access.



## EMERGENCY SHELTER

Thanks to partnerships with Friendship House, the Mount Vernon Seventh Day Adventist Church, and the Anacortes Corps of the Salvation Army, Skagit County has added 48 beds to the emergency winter shelter program since 2016. Adults can access winter shelter directly at Friendship House or Salvation Army, or visit the Housing Resource Center to learn about other shelter options. Skagit County also provides funding to 4 year-round emergency shelters, including YMCA Oasis Teen Shelter, Skagit DVSA, Anacortes Family Center, and the Community Action Family Development Center.



## HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION & RAPID REHOUSING

Skagit County's homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing programs provide financial assistance and services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless, and help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly rehoused and stabilized.

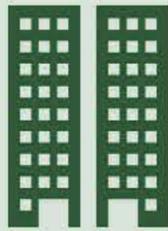
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## PERMANENT HOUSING

Skagit County is working with the city of Mount Vernon and Catholic Housing Services on a 70-unit permanent supportive housing project. The apartment building will house people who have the most barriers to housing stability and have been living on the streets for a significant length of time. It will include 24/7 staffing and wrap-around supportive services. Residents will contribute what they can afford toward rent. The project is seeking state/federal funding and hopes to begin construction in 2020.

70  
units proposed in permanent  
supportive housing apartment building



500  
approximate number of people who receive rental  
assistance & supportive services annually



## RECOVERY HOUSING

Skagit County funds three recovery houses with 28 beds. Recovery housing is designed for people who are new to the recovery process from substance use disorders. The housing provides time and on-site case management support to help residents learn how to sustain long-term recovery and successfully re-integrate into the community.

28  
beds at local substance-use  
disorder recovery houses



\$225,000  
county funding for  
recovery houses

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

What are we doing about homelessness? Let us answer the questions for you. Public Health staff is happy to attend your public events or meetings to discuss Skagit County's approach to making homelessness rare, brief and one-time. We can also share information about how you, your friends and your community can help make a difference.



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