

Pierce County Homeless Housing and Services

Funding Sources

Consolidated Homeless Grant

The Consolidated Homeless Grant (CHG) is a state funded grant program. Pierce County awards these funds to non-profit organizations that assist people who are experiencing homelessness. Funds can be used for temporary (emergency shelter) and permanent housing (rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing).

Continuum of Care Program

The Continuum of Care Program (CoC) Program is a federally funded grant program through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The CoC program is designed to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families. Programs funded through the CoC should help families and individuals access mainstream programs that help increase self-sufficiency.

Emergency Solutions Grant

The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program is also funded by HUD. ESG supports shelter and housing activities for persons experiencing homelessness. ESG provides funding to: engage homeless individuals and families living on the street; improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families; help operate shelters; provide essential services to shelter residents; rapidly re-house homeless individuals; and administer the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The county does not fund homeless prevention activities with ESG funds at this time.

Tacoma Housing Authority

The Rental Assistance Program is also a federally funded HUD program that supports rapid re-housing activities for persons experiencing homelessness. The funds are provided by Tacoma Housing Authority. Rental assistance activities includes: short and medium-term rental assistance payments, security deposits, credit screening fees, utility deposits, utility payments, moving cost assistance and motel/hotel payment assistance. Eligible households must include at least one (1) minor child and households must be at or below 50% of the area median income (AMI).

Washington State House Bill 2163 Homeless Housing Assistance Surcharge

The Washington State House Bill 2163 (SHB 2163) is a state funded program that supports local programs that reduce homelessness. Eligible SHB 2163 activities includes: rent support for housing people experiencing homelessness; development of affordable housing for homeless persons; services for formerly homeless individuals and families; outreach services for homeless individuals and families; and the development and management of local homeless plans.