



CLALLAM COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES HOMELESSNESS ANNUAL REPORT

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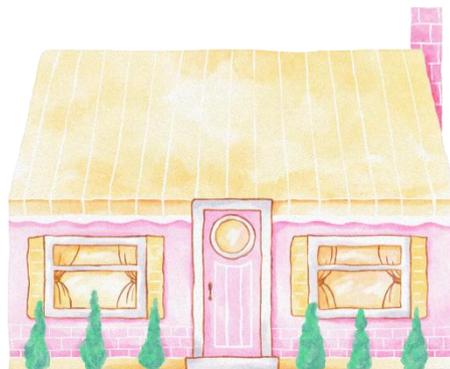
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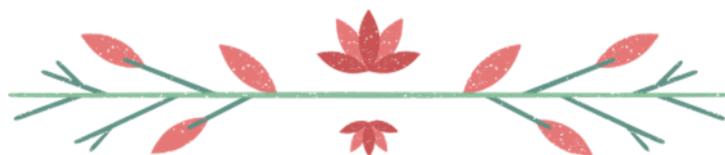
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Introduction

In 2005, the Washington State Legislature established the Homeless Housing Program under RCW 43.185C.160 to create a comprehensive, statewide plan to end homelessness. As part of this initiative, each participating county was required to form a Homeless Housing Task Force. That same year, Clallam County established its own Homelessness Task Force (HTF). The HTF is responsible for contributing to the development and periodic updates of Clallam County's five-year homelessness plan and for advising on the use of document recording fee revenues.

Clallam County Health & Human Services administers Document Recording Fees (DRF) collected under RCW 36.22.250 to address homelessness. These funds are distributed to local service providers through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process. Applicants must clearly demonstrate how their proposals align with the priorities outlined in the Clallam County Homeless Housing Plan.



Homeless Five-Year Plan

Under Washington State law, the Homelessness Task Force is responsible for developing a five-year homeless housing plan. This plan must include clear goals, strategies, activities, timelines, and performance measures aimed at reducing and ultimately ending homelessness in Clallam County. It must also align with guidance from the Washington State Department of Commerce.

The [2020–2024 Clallam County Homeless Crisis Response & Housing Plan](#) emphasizes the importance of a coordinated community effort to ensure homelessness in Clallam County is rare, brief, and non-recurring. The five-year plan outlines five key goals to guide the development of an efficient and effective homeless response system.

- Quickly identify and engage all people experiencing homelessness
- Prioritize housing for people with the greatest needs
- Operate an effective and efficient homeless crisis response system that swiftly moves people into stable permanent housing
- Project the impact of the fully implemented local plans on the number housed and the number of households left unsheltered, assuming existing resources and state policies
- Address racial disparities among people experiencing homelessness

In July 2024, Clallam County Health & Human Services (HHS) received a grant from the Department of Commerce to support the creation of the [2025–2030 Clallam County Homeless Housing Plan](#). With this funding, HHS contracted with Paul Knox of Knoxworks LLC to lead the planning process in collaboration with department staff.

A dedicated workgroup—made up of Homelessness Task Force members and key community stakeholders—met regularly to guide

the development of the plan. Their work was further informed by input from a focus group of individuals with lived experience of homelessness, as well as from local behavioral health providers.

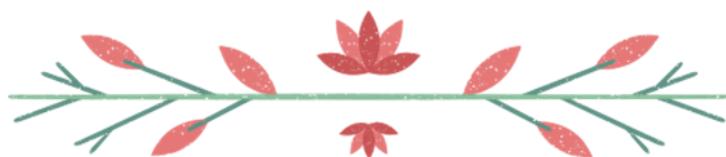
The draft plan was presented to the Homelessness Task Force on May 6, 2025, where it generated robust discussion and recommendations for revisions. Following this, the HTF voted to forward the draft to the Board of County Commissioners for final approval.

The Clallam County Board of Commissioners formally adopted the 2025–2030 Homeless Housing Plan on May 27, 2025. As part of the adoption, the Board directed that an addendum be developed to include more detailed timelines and a list of priority projects based on available funding.

The 2025–2030 Clallam County Homeless Housing Plan emphasizes the importance of a coordinated, community-wide effort to ensure that homelessness in Clallam County is rare, brief, and non-recurring. The plan aims to build a more efficient and effective homeless response system and is guided by five core objectives.

Objectives

- Promote an equitable, accountable & transparent homeless crisis response system
- Strengthen the homeless service provider workforce
- Prevent episodes of homelessness
- Prioritize assistance based on the greatest barriers to housing stability, and the greatest risk of harm
- Seek to house everyone in a stable setting that meets their needs



State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024-2025 Funding Priorities

Because requests for Document Recording Fee (DRF) funding often exceed the amount of available resources, the Homeless Task Force (HTF) establishes clear funding priorities to guide allocation decisions. These priorities are designed to align with the goals and strategies outlined in Clallam County's Five-Year Homeless Housing Strategic Plan, ensuring that investments support long-term system improvement and measurable outcomes. In addition, the HTF incorporates key findings from the 2021 [Clallam County Gaps & Needs Analysis](#), using this data to help identify the most pressing service gaps and population needs. This combined approach helps ensure that limited DRF funds are directed toward interventions with the greatest potential impact on reducing and preventing homelessness across the county.

The DRF funding cycle for Clallam County Homeless Funding RFP for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025 listed the following as funding priorities:

- **Housing** - Support agencies developing affordable housing (design/development/studies) permanent supportive housing, where indefinite leasing, rental assistance, or eviction prevention (diversion) is paired with supportive services to assist homeless persons with a disability, low income, over 60 years of age, or families with an adult or child member with a

disability achieve housing stability. This may include but not limited to; group home, home shares, and multi-generational housing.

- **Shelters** - Literally, roofs over the heads of individuals. Specifically, low barrier housing where a minimum number of expectations are placed on people who wish to live there. The aim is to have as few barriers as possible to allow more people access to services. Low-barrier facilities that follow a harm reduction philosophy and include people with more complex needs and multiple challenges when it comes to housing, such as mental health and substance use disorders, other conditions or disabilities, justice-system histories, etc. May also include but not be limited to shelters addressing the needs of families, women, veterans, and domestic violence. Permanent supportive housing is also included under the shelters priority, where indefinite leasing or rental assistance is paired with supportive services to assist homeless persons with a disability or families with an adult or child member with a disability achieve housing stability.
- **Support Services** - Services in addition to housing which support or assist individuals and families to obtain and maintain housing. These services vary and can include but are not limited to: Life skills training (like income management, job training, and medication management), medical/ dental care, mental health

treatment programs, substance use treatment programs, and case management.

- **Safe Parking/Camping** - Safe parking/camping is intended to provide residents a fixed location for living in recreational vehicles, automobiles and/or tents a safe and secure alternative to parking/camping on the street. Services provided will reduce harm to individuals living in vehicles by providing more accurate data collection, case management, and community engagement. 24/7 comprehensive program operations including but not limited to intake, de-escalation, trauma informed, harm reduction, Narcan trained, CPR, and maintaining the safety and security of residents and their belongings.

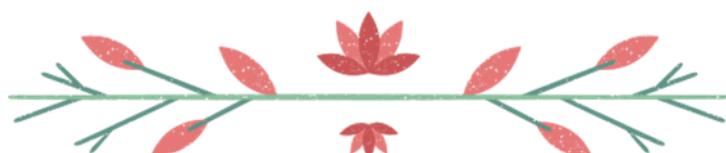
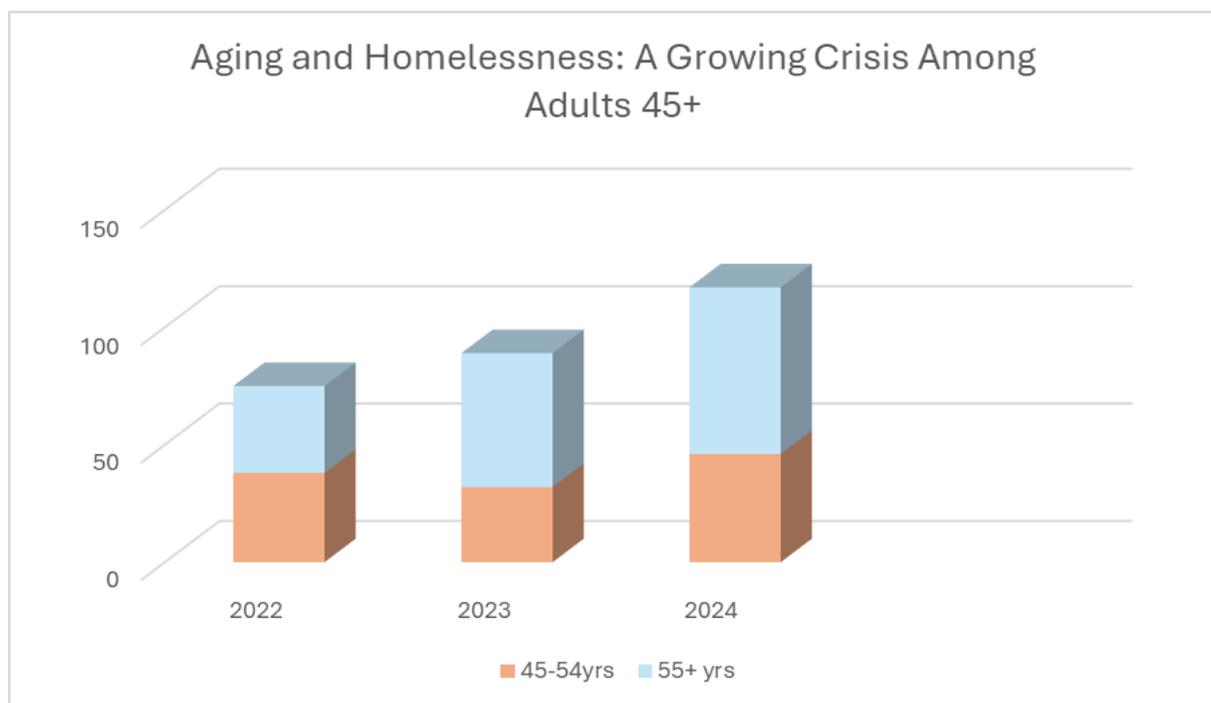


Condition of Homelessness

2024 Clallam County Point in Time (PIT) Count

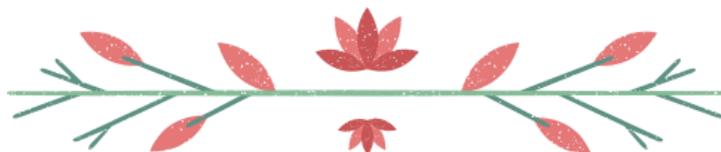
The PIT count conducted in January 2024 identified a total of 300 homeless individuals. Of those, 145 were sheltered (emergency shelter & transitional housing) and 155 were unsheltered.

Notably, since 2021, the number of individuals experiencing homelessness who are over the age of 55 has increased by more than 65%. This growing crisis is especially urgent, as hospitals, nursing homes, shelters, hotels, and housing programs are struggling to meet the complex mental, medical, and physical needs of these displaced and unhoused older adults.



Funded Agencies

Agency	Program	Funding Priority	Plan Goal
Serenity House	Family Shelter Case Management - Temporary housing for up to 6 families with case management services	Support Services	Goal 2: Prioritize housing for people with the greatest needs. Strategy - Immediate Shelter
Serenity House	Shelter Aides - Serenity House Shelter is open 24 x 7. The shelter aides provide a variety of services for shelter guests	Shelter	Goal 2: Prioritize housing for people with the greatest needs. Strategy - Immediate Shelter
Reflections Services Counseling Group	Hotel Leasing & Rapid Rehousing - Provides hotel stays, Oxford Housing deposits/rent, private landlord deposit/rent	Support Services	Goal 2: Prioritize housing for people with the greatest needs. Strategies- Immediate Shelter and connection to resources
The Answer for Youth (TAFY)	Starfleet Operations - on-site housing and case management for up to four males.	Support Services	Goal 1: Quickly identify and engage all people experiencing homelessness. Strategy - Connection with services
Tafy	Bridging the Gap - essential agency operational cost	Support Services	Goal 2: Prioritize housing for people with the greatest needs. Strategy - Immediate Shelter
Mariposa House	West End Hope - Advocacy services, housing assistance, emergency financial assistance and case management to domestic violence/sexual assault victims	Support Services	Goal 2: Prioritize housing for people with the greatest needs. Strategies- Immediate Shelter and connection to resources
Olympic Community Action Program	Sequim Warming Center - Overnight shelter when outside temps may be life threatening	Shelter	Goal 2: Prioritize housing for people with the greatest needs. Strategy - Immediate Shelter
Boys & Girls Club of the Olympic Peninsula	Life Skills Training for Youth Experiencing or At Risk of Homelessness - life skills program for teens at risk of, or experiencing homelessness	Support Services	Goal 1: Quickly identify and engage all people experiencing homelessness. Strategy - Prevention & diversion
North Olympic Regional Veteran's Housing Network	Case Management & Veteran's Outreach - works with clients daily in areas such as: aiding in medical, mental health, and dental appointments	Support Services	Goal 2: Prioritize housing for people with the greatest needs. Strategies- Immediate Shelter and connection to resources
Health Families of Clallam County	Safely Home - Support services to victims of domestic violence or sexual assault	Support Services	Goal 2: Prioritize housing for people with the greatest needs. Strategies- Immediate Shelter and connection to resources
North Olympic Regional Veteran's Housing Network	Utilities & Remodeling of Minsky Place & Sarge's Place Shelter	Shelter	Goal 2: Prioritize housing for people with the greatest needs. Strategy - Permanent housing
Health Families of Clallam County	Healthy Families Emergency Housing - Emergency housing units for victims of domestic/sexual violence	Shelter	Goal 2: Prioritize housing for people with the greatest needs. Strategies- Immediate Shelter and connection to resources



Services Provided

The data presented has been collected from a wide range of funded service providers. Due to the nature of service delivery, some figures may reflect duplicated counts.

- Case management provided to 483 individuals of which, 112 were veterans, and 27 families also received case management services.
- 43 individuals received medical respite.
- 12 unstably housed youth received academic and emotional support sessions, positive life skills instruction, referrals to needed services, and career exploration sessions.
- 324 individuals and families utilized domestic violence emergency shelters and services.
- 29 individuals and families received rental assistance.
- 9 individuals received Oxford House assistance.
- 19 individuals received emergency hotel stays.
- 1,085 people utilized the night-by-night shelter and the warming center.
- Healthy Families of Clallam County utilizes funding for 4 emergency housing rental units.



2020-2024 Five-Year Plan Accomplishments

Current updates to the work outlined in the 2020-2024 Clallam County Homeless Crisis Response & Housing Plan are as follows:

Goal 1: Quickly Identify and Engage All People Experiencing Homelessness

Action Step (Complete) - Create a plan for medical discharge coordination

- *2023: Over the past year, Olympic Peninsula Community Clinic (OPCC) has served patients and added 6 more beds to their medical respite program.*
- *2024: This program is at risk as funding has expired and was not renewed. OPCC continues to seek other funding opportunities.*
- *2025: OPCC secured funding through the end of 2025. They continue to seek ways to fund this program.*

Action Step (Complete) - Create a plan for behavioral health discharge coordination

- *2023: Peninsula Behavioral Health (PBH) opened Dawn View Court, a 26-unit mental health permanent supportive housing facility.*
- *2024: PBH working on securing funding for the North View project, a 36-unit multi-family permanent supported housing facility. On September 3, 2024 secured \$2,000,000 from the Clallam County 1/10th of 1% Behavioral Health funding for this project. An additional \$2,000,000 from the Clallam County Affordable Housing Sales Tax (1590/1406 funds) was allocated for this project.*
- *2025: On track to open in Spring of 2026.*

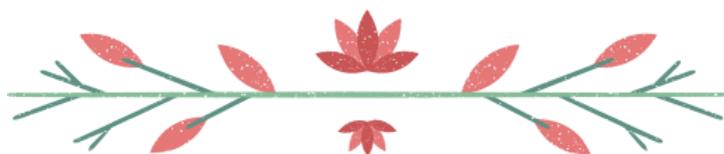
Action Step (Work Continues)- Create a plan for those exiting incarceration coordination

- *2023: Serenity House of Clallam County began a program in coordination with the Clallam County Sheriff's Department to create plans for individuals 18-24 years of age prior to release.*
- *2024: Three agencies are collaborating with the Clallam County Jail to assist inmates before their release by helping them secure housing, employment, and behavioral health services.*
- *2025: The Clallam County Clinical Services team, which provides behavioral health support at the Clallam County Jail, is working toward implementing a re-entry program.*

Goal 2: Prioritize Housing for People with the greatest need

Action Step - Create safe parking for people living in cars

- *2023: Safe Parking was identified as a funding priority in the 2023 - 2025 Clallam County Affordable Housing & Homeless Housing and Assistance Funds request for proposals.*
- *2024: While there were no proposals received for the 2023-2025 funding cycles identifying Safe Parking, there is currently a pilot project underway in Sequim at the Trinity United Methodist Church.*
- *2025: Trinity United Methodist Church (TUMC) was successful in submitting a proposal for the 2025-2027 Homeless Funding cycle and secured funding for this project. Safe parking is open at TUMC.*



Looking to the Future

Clallam County Health & Human Services (CCHHS) has completed the development of the 2025–2030 Clallam County Homeless Crisis Response & Housing Plan. This effort was made possible through a grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce, which supported the hiring of a consultant to guide the planning process. The consultant collaborated closely with CCHHS staff, members of the Housing Task Force, tribal representatives, and local government to ensure the plan is comprehensive and aligns with the Clallam County Comprehensive Plan.

We are hopeful about the path ahead and energized by the progress made. This new five-year plan lays a strong foundation for meaningful change, and we look forward to continuing this important work to address homelessness and housing needs in our community.

