

## How ARPA Funds have Positively Impacted the Community



### Port Angeles Food Bank

The ARPA funds provided to the Port Angeles Food Bank from Clallam County have had an incredible impact on our community. These funds have allowed construction to maintain momentum and remain mostly on schedule. The renovation of the market and training room is nearly complete. This funding allowed us to complete construction and supply orders prior to inflation setting in and increasing costs even more, which would have pushed us considerably outside of our budget, and ultimately stalled the project. The ARPA funds have also incentivized staff to remain in their positions in an otherwise unstable economic climate. How can we fight food insecurity if we are creating it inside our own organization? Without these funds, the PAFB team and this project would not be where it is today with an open date in sight. Soon this incredible market with free groceries for all in need will be open and a community space will be available for collocated services that will benefit a significant population in Clallam County. – **Emily Dexter, Executive Director of Port Angeles Food Bank**

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The impact of this funding to our nonprofit was a game changer. We were able to restart the home we had paused, the ARPA Funding also meant we did not have to lay staff off as there was enough work to keep our paid Construction staff occupied and busy. Two deserving Habitat Family Partners were able to continue their sweat equity hours and help build their home moving them closer to home ownership, making their dream a reality. Habitat Clallam was able to continue the engagement of our Construction Volunteers critical to keeping our labor costs to a minimum, and we continued to employ the licensed local contractors we use for plumbing, electrical, roofing, and concrete, etc. helping those businesses to keep their staff employed. – **Colleen Robinson, Chief Executive Officer**

The Clallam County ARPA funds have been a lifesaving program for our small communities of Clallam Bay and Sekiu. New Hope Food Bank over the years has become in disrepair. The Clallam County Commissioners approved our application to purchase the vacant property/building in Clallam Bay with ARPA funds. After a few renovations to bring the building up to food bank requirements the New Hope Food Bank will be able to move into a newer and much sounder building. This will allow the food bank to serve the families of the communities of Clallam Bay and Sekiu more efficiently. We will also be able to serve families better at our new location. The ARPA funds have enabled us to continue to take care of families in need of nourishing foods in our local communities.

- New Hope Food Bank, Alice Langebartel

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CLALLAM COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

The Clallam County Commissioners approved more than \$3.1 million of ARPA funds to help alleviate the ongoing negative impacts to Clallam County small businesses including startups and nonprofits. \$500,000 of the \$3.1 million was directed specifically to child care providers in Clallam County. Businesses received grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000. Child care providers received up to \$60,000.

The funds served as a lifeline for these businesses. Below is a sampling of quotes from the grateful recipients:

- “I am just crying for happiness right now! I almost gave up but then I told myself something good is going to happen. I really appreciate this help so I can continue to run my business. From the bottom of my heart thank you, thank you so much.” - Port Angeles restaurant owner
- “We’re so grateful for your support. This grant will help sustain our work with the many small businesses that continue to struggle to recover.” - Port Angeles nonprofit corporation
- “Thank you so much for this great news! This will make a huge impact for us. Thank you to everyone that made this grant possible for small business owners”. - Sequim small nonprofit corporation
- “I want to thank you all for choosing my business for a grant. Friday is my store’s 13th anniversary. Now I know we’ll make it to 14!” - Sequim small retail business owner
- “Thank you again so much!! I’m beyond excited and honored to be a recipient.” - Port Angeles professional services business owner

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	The Basics		
Name of Grant	Funding Source	Grants Awarded	# Biz Awarded
Lifeboat 3 Round 1	ARPA Clallam County	\$ 1,002,116	68
Lifeboat 3 Round 2	ARPA Clallam County	\$ 1,070,756	80
Lifeboat 3 Child Care	ARPA Clallam County	\$ 469,064	23
		<b>\$ 2,541,936</b>	<b>171</b>
2022			
Lifeboat 3 Round 3	ARPA Clallam County	\$ 580,123	44
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	<b>LB3 Grant Total:</b>	<b>\$ 3,122,059</b>	<b>215</b>