



What funding is designated?

Funding designated for Housing and Homeless Services includes Document Recording Fees (DRF), Affordable and Supportive Housing Tax, and the Consolidated Homeless Grant (CHG). Each of these fund sources can only be used for specific Housing and Homeless Services.

Where does funding come from?

Cowlitz County collects DRF from real estate transactions filed in the county. RCW 36.22.250 designates a portion for housing and homeless services. The Affordable and Supportive Housing Tax is part of the state's sales and use tax that gets returned to the County. The CHG is state funding designated to counties for homeless services.

Who decides on spending?

The Cowlitz County Board of County Commissioners makes the funding decisions and relies on Cowlitz County Health & Human Services (CCHHS) to administer the funding.

Programs and Projects Funded in 2025

Coordinated Entry



Coordinated Entry access points to connect with households experiencing homelessness and complete referrals to specific housing programs.

Community House on Broadway
Cowlitz Family Health Center
Emergency Support Shelter

Allocated \$ 25,000

Allocated \$ 27,900

Allocated \$ 40,000

Emergency Support Shelter



Emergency Shelter operations for victims of domestic violence as well as supportive services such as crisis intervention, safety planning, case management, goal setting for post shelter stay, legal advocacy, and support groups

Allocated \$ 150,000

Housing Opportunities of Southwest Washington (HOSWWA)



Phoenix House case management and support for individuals who have exited inpatient treatment and in need of housing. Provides safe and supportive housing to assist individuals and their children with housing stability and self-sufficiency.

Allocated \$ 133,250

Community Mediation Center



Community Mediation Center to provide voluntary mediation services with landlords and their tenants who reside in Cowlitz County.

**Amount listed is funding available through June 30, 2025)*

Allocated \$ 21,399*

Lower Columbia Community Action Program (CAP)



CAP provides rapid rehousing (moving households from homelessness into permanent housing through rent assistance and case management) and essential needs items for individuals eligible for Housing & Essential Needs (HEN) through WA State DSHS; rapid rehousing for a limited number of low-income families; and limited eviction prevention in partnership with Community Mediation Center.

**Amount listed is funding available through June 30, 2025)*

Allocated \$ 1,848,377*

One-Time Projects

Habitat for Humanity



One time grant to build new units of affordable housing and preservation of affordable housing for low-income citizens in Cowlitz County.

**Multi-year contract beginning in 2024, total allocation is \$719,000. \$50,244 was spent in 2024.*

Allocated \$ 668,755*

Housing Opportunities of Southwest Washington (HOSWWA)



Sunrise Village case management and support for individuals, provides safe and supportive housing to assist individuals with housing stability and self-sufficiency.

Allocated \$ 60,000

Lower Columbia Community Action Program (CAP)



One time grant to build new units of affordable housing (Catlin and West Main Project) for low-income citizens in Cowlitz County including some units designated for seniors, veterans, and homeless individuals.

**Multi-year contract beginning in 2023, total allocation is \$695,000. Construction has not started.*

Allocated \$ 695,000*



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