

COWLITZ COUNTY Emergency Fund

2021-2026

Source of Funds: Fees



Where does this funding come from?

Per RCW 36.22.176, 178, 179, and 1791, Cowlitz County collects document recording fees from real estate transactions filed in the county which can be used for homelessness/housing programs.

Who approves or disapproves requests?

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

What types of requests are eligible for reimbursement from the Cowlitz County emergency fund?

Cowlitz County has an “Emergency Fund” to support projects that address homelessness during an emergency.

Agencies may apply for assistance from the Emergency Fund to assist with a short-term urgent funding need that has, or will, significantly interrupt essential services or impact the health and safety of the homeless population.

Appropriate uses of the Emergency Fund include:

- Natural disasters (fire, flood, tornado, storm damage, loss of utilities)
- Emergency needs (phase-out costs associated with closing a program due to a sudden loss of funding, equipment failure, civil disturbance, severe weather events, or other conditions determined by the Cowlitz County Health Officer to be an imminent threat to public health and safety)

Emergency Fund Requests (2021-2026)

**Winter
2021-22**

Cowlitz Family Health Center – Paid November 2022

Funding towards the Cowlitz County Severe Weather Shelter

Request	\$ 9,000
Approved	\$ 9,000
Paid	\$ 9,000

**Winter
2022-23**

Cowlitz Family Health Center – No expenses submitted

Funding towards the Cowlitz County Severe Weather Shelter

Request	\$ 9,000
Approved	\$ 9,000
Paid	\$ 0

**Winter
2023-24**

St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church – Paid May 2024

Funding towards the Cowlitz County Severe Weather Shelter

Request	\$ 9,000
Approved	\$ 9,000
Paid	\$ 9,000

**Winter
2024-25**

The Salvation Army - Denied

Emergency Food for Cowlitz County Severe Weather Shelter

Request	\$ 4,210
Approved	\$ 0
Paid	\$ 0

**Winter
2025-26**

No requests received



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