



WASHINGTON GORGE ACTION PROGRAMS

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July 2022 Board Report

Skamania County Housing Programs

Submitted by Curt Gray, Skamania County Housing Program Director

As an introduction to the monthly report we routinely submit, I'm including this narrative to provide additional insight.

- **Rental Assistance:**
With the recent decision to establish a conservative monthly budget for awarding ERAP 2.0 rental assistance and the expiration of the ESG-CV program, the number of households served continues to decrease.
- The Emergency Shelter remains full.
- The residents of the Emergency Shelter are finding and keeping jobs more successfully than in recent history. One resident has held their job for more than 90 days. Additionally, another resident has secured a job in their field of expertise which will result in a significant income and obtaining permanent housing.
- Three of our Emergency Shelter residents now have housing vouchers. Finding affordable housing continues to be the most significant obstacle to obtaining permanent housing.
- **Denied Services:** Denial of services has been extremely rare, but as programs wind down, funds become completed, and clients have reached maximum benefits, a few households are denied services, with the caveat that we nearly always able to deliver some kind of assistance or alternative support.
 1. Three households were denied rental assistance because they had received the maximum benefit allowed by the funded programs. All three were to MCHA and encouraged to apply for rental assistance under their program (if still funded).
 2. One household was denied rental assistance because they had received the maximum benefit allowed by the previously funded programs and were not eligible for assistance under the current rent assistance program. This client was moving out of the area.
- Our efforts at outreach to the area landlords has paid off with many of them wishing to support our efforts and clients, frequently taking on a client as a tenant whom they would otherwise not have only because they were a WAGAP client. One landlord is in such strong support of our efforts that they have approached us, in person, to offer our clients first right of refusal for any units that come available before those vacancies are announced to the general public.

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Rental Assistance

Outputs

	June
Number of households served	20
Number of individuals within those households	45
Total Number of bed nights provided	2760

Housing and Essential Needs

Outputs

	June
Number of individuals served with Housing/Utilities	0
Number of individuals served with Essential Needs	4
Total Number of bed nights provided	0

Permanent Support Housing

	June
Number of individuals obtained employment	0
Number of individuals increasing their income	0
Number of individuals retained employment for 90 days or more	0
Number of HH removed Barriers that hindered individuals in obtaining job	0
Number of HH moved into affordable permanent housing	0
Number of HH Received referral to mainstream resources	2
Number of individuals completed Life Skills meeting	2
Number of individuals denied services	0

Outputs PSH

	June
Number of households served	5
Number of individuals within those households	5

Shelter

The shelter is open to individuals and families who are homeless. They are required to look for permanent housing during their stay.

Outputs

	June
Number of households served	8
Number of individuals within those households	14
Total Number of bed nights provided	380

Total Outcomes for all Programs

	June
Number of individuals obtained employment	2
Number of individuals increasing their income	1
Number of individuals retained employment for 90 days or more	1
Number of HH removed Barriers that hindered individuals in obtaining job	0
Number of HH moved into affordable permanent housing	0
Number of HH Received referral to mainstream resources	16
Number of individuals completed Life Skills meeting	15
Number of individuals denied services	4

Success Stories

June 2022:

1. Two (2) emergency shelter residents have maintained employment
2. Three (3) households have been awarded housing vouchers from MCHA
3. One (1) homeless household with children in school were provided temp emergency shelter (emerg shelter was full)
4. No COVID infections in the emergency shelter