



WASHINGTON GORGE ACTION PROGRAMS

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June 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 and bed nights provided has stabilized to much lower numbers than reported in the recent past.
- The Emergency Shelter remains full.
- The residents of the Emergency Shelter are finding and keeping jobs more successfully than in recent history.
- **Denied Services:** Denial of services is extremely rare. Usually, we are able to deliver some kind of assistance or alternative support to our clients.
 1. One household was denied rental assistance since the landlord was unwilling to participate in the programs available (and the tenant provided false or misleading information in their application). That household was referred to mediation.
 2. One household was denied rental assistance because they had received the maximum benefit allowed by the funded programs. This household was referred to MCHA and encouraged to apply for rental assistance under their program (if still funded).
 3. Two households were denied rental assistance since each had received assistance multiple times, under multiple programs, and were awarded assistance totaling more than \$10,000 per household. These households were referred to MCHA and encouraged to apply for rental assistance under their program (if still funded). Denying assistance to these two households permitted the use of remaining funds to help those who still needed help, especially those households that had not yet received any assistance whatsoever.

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Rental Assistance

Outputs

	May
Number of households served	28
Number of individuals within those households	55
Total Number of bed nights provided	3612

Housing and Essential Needs

Outputs

	May
Number of individuals served with Housing/Utilities	1
Number of individuals served with Essential Needs	6
Total Number of bed nights provided	31

Permanent Support Housing

	May
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

	May
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

	May
Number of households served	8
Number of individuals within those households	15
Total Number of bed nights provided	332

Total Outcomes for all Programs

	May
Number of individuals obtained employment	2
Number of individuals increasing their income	2
Number of individuals retained employment for 90 days or more	0
Number of HH removed Barriers that hindered individuals in obtaining job	2
Number of HH moved into affordable permanent housing	0
Number of HH Received referral to mainstream resources	13
Number of individuals completed Life Skills meeting	20
Number of individuals denied services	4

Success Stories

May 2022:

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