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January 2023 Board Report

Skamania County Housing Programs

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As an introduction to the monthly report we routinely submit, I'm including this narrative to provide additional insight. Data reported is for the month of December.

- **Emergency Warming Shelter:**

The warming shelter opened for normal operations on December 29. Weather conditions have been relatively mild since that date. Preparations continue to be made. Initially, there were dozens of calls received requesting, primarily, information about the warming shelter – many of them from outside the county. Of that multitude of calls, there were less than a dozen from individuals who were interested in utilizing the shelter. Of those, there was a handful who actually made arrangements to spend the night.

- **Rental Assistance:**

First-time requests for rental assistance are increasing and are given priority.

In addition to the rental assistance for all programs that is reported for December, assistance has been provided to pay rents that were in arrears for months other than the reporting month. In the month of December, five (5) households comprising a total of thirteen (13) individuals were served providing an additional 4230 bed-nights of assistance – nearly doubling, again this month, that which was reported for last month.

- **Denial of Services:**

One (1) household requesting rent assistance in December was denied, having previously received significant rental assistance in prior months and reaching the maximum benefit.