February 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 January.

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 January, assistance has been provided to pay rents that were in arrears for months other than the reporting month. In the month of January, thirteen (13) households comprising a total of thirty-one (31) individuals were served providing an additional 2387 bed-nights of assistance.

Denial of Services:

Two (2) households requesting rent assistance in January were denied – one, having previously received significant rental assistance in prior months and reaching the maximum benefit. The other was a request from a housed individual from outside the state requesting assistance to "relocate" to housing in Skamania County – circumstances that do not meet eligibility requirements.