

2024 Community Human Services Program (CHSP) Summary Sheet

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<p>ASHHO Cultural & Job Training Center 5757 Littlerock Rd SW #4 Tumwater, WA 98512</p>	<p>Funds from the City of Tumwater will support ASHHO Cultural & Job Training Center's new event, Cultural Community Resource Days. Every other month beginning Saturday, September 23, ASHHO will host a fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. that highlights the resources available to people in the community. From mental and physical health to family and youth support to education to businesses owned by members of the minority community (hairdressers, food, clothing, books, services, etc.) and more. The fair is free, and all ages are welcome. They will sell delicious soul food meals in their Runia's Soul Cafe.</p> <p>Grant funds will supplement the per event registration fee for nonprofits (\$50) and businesses and large nonprofit organizations (\$150) that are unable to pay, as well as optional table rental fees (\$10 for table, \$5 for tablecloth). They will also use grant funds to cover staffing and facility costs, speakers, supplies, and marketing.</p>	<p>\$5,000</p>
<p>Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Washington 2424 Heritage Ct. SW #302 Olympia, WA 98502</p>	<p>Funds from a City of Tumwater grant would be used to expand the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Washington's Site-Based mentoring program into Tumwater school districts, where both middle and high school youth would benefit from one-to-one mentorship.</p> <p>The two major types of match meetups they focus on are Site-Based and Community-Based. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Washington's Site-Based program has Bigs and Littles meeting at a local community center or virtually, typically one hour a week after school. This allows matches to build a friendship within a structured setting with professional staff support nearby. Activities follow a curriculum focusing on STEAM activities, diversity, career exploration, social-emotional skill building, and healthy relationship development.</p> <p>If the grant request is received, they would put the money towards staff salaries, specifically a Match Support Specialist, which would allow us to increase the amount of matches between underserved youth and trained adult mentors. At a cost of \$400-500 per match, general operating funds would be instrumental in helping them to reach their goal of establishing ten new Site-Based matches in the Tumwater School District by the end of the funding cycle in 2024.</p>	<p>\$5,000</p>
<p>Dispute Resolution Center of Thurston County P.O. Box 6184 Olympia, WA 98507</p>	<p>Neighbor-to-neighbor disputes, homeowner association disputes, personal property disputes, and others can often be resolved with a call to the DRC. Funds from the City of Tumwater contribute to their Conflict Resolution Resource Line. The Resource Line is a no-cost service for people who can call in to speak with trained conciliators who provide conflict coaching, information, referrals, and arrange face-to-face mediations.</p>	<p>\$4,000</p>

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<p>Family Support Center of South Sound 3545 7th Ave SW, Suite 200 Olympia, WA 98502</p>	<p>Since the organization started in 1992, FSC has worked to ensure families with children, and more recently survivors of violence, can come to one location to have as many of their needs met as possible. A strong emphasis has been placed on households experiencing homelessness or fleeing violence, as well as those who are experiencing housing instability, often just one rent payment away from entering the homeless system.</p> <p>The Family Resource Services Program, the organization's oldest program, supports ANY family with any kind of need, regardless of income, barriers, household size, etc. Most often, families are seeking support from this program to address a housing related crisis... past due rent, late utility payments, basic need items, transportation assistance to gain or maintain employment, housing search assistance, application fee payment, etc.</p> <p>Staff within this program, Family Resource Service Navigators, work alongside families to understand their strengths, what community resources they may be eligible for, and when available, directly distribute financial assistance to address the need of the family. The program has distributed Thurston County's Housing Basic Needs funds for the last 5+ years, including one-time rental assistance to help a family gain or maintain housing, application and other housing related fees (nonrefundable admin fees, pet fees, etc.), as well as utility assistance for critical utilities (water, sewer, garbage, electricity, heat, phone). The funds have allowed staff to immediately address an issue--- keep on a family's electricity, stop an eviction from going forward, or provide a deposit for family who just needs a little help.</p> <p>Additionally, EPRA funds are available for eligible families who are facing eviction. So far, the FRS program has utilized EPRA funds to prevent 85 evictions and provided support and resources to 35 more. In 2022, with the City of Tumwater's support, the Family Resource Services Program served 1,102 parents and children (350+ households) with individualized support including homeless prevention and problem solving conversations, housing search and connection, employment support, assistance applying for mainstream benefits, gas cards, advocacy, resource and referral information, childcare access, parent education, domestic violence advocacy, child engagement activities, and supportive services to assist in quickly stabilizing their housing situation. Utilizing motivational interviewing techniques, staff work with families to identify their strengths and social connections, using those as a foundation to find greater housing stability.</p> <p>Staff provide weekly available rental unit lists which includes prices, restrictions, fees, application link, and potential reasons people may not be approved for housing drastically decreasing the time families have to spend searching for an appropriate unit. As noted in the 'US Housing Insecurity and the Health</p>	<p>\$4,000</p>

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	<p>of Very Young Children’ report in the Children’s Healthwatch Journal, “Housing insecurity is associated with poor health, lower weight, and developmental risk among young children.”, and, “In older children and adolescents, a history of multiple moves has been associated with mental health concerns, substance abuse, increased behavior problems, poor school performance, and increased risk of teen pregnancy”. It is critical that families experiencing housing instability receive case management support to stabilize their situation, such as diversion and problem-solving conversations, accessing one-time rental assistance or funding to help with a deposit, or securing funds to relocate closer to family and greater social connections. It is cheaper, easier, and more efficient to prevent someone from becoming homeless than it is to help them once they have become homeless, and is less traumatic for the entire family.</p> <p>On average, 25 households per day reach out to FSC seeking the services offered by the Family Resource Services program (via phone, social media, email, and walk-in). To increase program efficiency, Pear Blossom Place staff are tasked with helping the FRS Navigators screen and log the overwhelming number of calls this program receives each week. This decreases the amount of time the FRS Navigator spends wading through voicemails and increases the amount of time each Navigator spends working directly with clients.</p> <p>FSC believes in meeting the client where they are and all staff, including the Family Resource Service Navigator, are mobile and well versed in helping clients virtually or over the phone, ensuring that clients across the County will receive services even if they are unable to get to the office. This FRS Navigator participates in community meetings, and regularly partners with providers in Tumwater including DCYF, Together’s Community Schools Program, Family Education & Support Services PCAP program, and more. FSC is connected to multiple organizations and groups throughout the County all of which are accessed through this program. It is the FRS Navigator’s knowledge of available resources and ability to tap into them that so often allows families to overcome their current crisis. By working hand in hand with families, helping them realize the resources and strengths of their own family unit, providing concrete supports, and advocating for them and offering support every step along the path to achieving their goals, FSC can increase family resilience for current and future generations.</p>	
<p>Garden-Raised Bounty 2016 Elliott Ave NW Olympia, WA 98502</p>	<p>FOOD INSECURITY</p> <p>According to a study conducted in 2020 by Washington State University, up to a third of Washington residents are now food insecure, due in large part to the pandemic. In Thurston County (Feeding America, 2019), 30,360 people are food insecure, and 37% are not eligible to receive SNAP benefits. With COVID-19, this number has significantly increased. Individuals and families continue to face</p>	<p>\$4,000</p>

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	<p>unprecedented challenges because of the coronavirus. People have lost their jobs, are facing housing and food insecurity, and are disconnected from their communities. Isolation, disruption of daily routines, and depletion of adequate food and housing can have profound impacts on mental and physical health.</p> <p>GRuB gardens go beyond bringing one meal, the gift of gardens brings hundreds of meals and skills that increase resiliency and provide access to food in people's own backyard/patio.</p> <p>Through GGP, they can provide the support needed for low-income and food insecure households to grow their own nutritious food, right at their own home! Families who receive GRuB gardens report saving money on groceries (each garden can grow over \$500 worth of food in one season), eating more nutritious fruits and vegetables because they are readily available, and trying new varieties (thanks to the free seeds).</p> <p>Strategies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 – Offer a variety of backyard garden solutions, ranging from single-frame raised beds, stacked raised beds, and container gardens, to support the unique needs of low-income and food-insecure people with space constraints and/or physical limitations. 2 – Provide new and alumni gardeners with 15 packets of seeds, 12 starts, cover crops, and access to at least six seasonal workshops and opportunities to learn how to grow, prepare, and preserve vegetables. 3 - Partner with and support organizations, community members, and alumni gardeners to develop and deliver garden building projects with neighbors. The GGP will provide building materials, staff support, access to their workshop series, plus seeds, starts, and cover crops. 4 - Organize the building and establishing of community garden spaces. <p>Project Timeline:</p> <p>While their timeline varies from year to year due to turnaround and changes in funding and focus, the below timeline gives a good idea of their general protocol to bring home gardens to low-income families!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September - December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In fall and early winter, they review evaluations from their gardeners and begin planning how to incorporate the feedback from gardeners into their overall program structure, 	

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	<p>adjusting to ensure they are meeting the needs of their community to the best that they are able!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December - February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ During this time, they invite interested low-income families and individuals to fill out their GGP application from. After going through each application and projecting availability of funds for the garden build season, they create a schedule of up to two garden-builds per day, up to three days a week. Volunteers, staff, and their Lead Garden Builder work together to build custom home and community gardens with and for low-income applicants. • March/April - June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Come spring, they build home gardens with and for low-income applicants! Funding dependent, they are known to build anywhere between 30 - over 100 gardens! Currently, they are also offering their SNAP-Ed gardening, cooking, nutrition, food preservation & leadership weekly online workshops! • July - August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They conduct surveys, site visits, and collect feedback from evaluations to begin reviewing in the fall and early winter! 	
<p>Medical Equipment Bank Db: Thurston County Council on Aging 3537 Martin Way E Olympia, WA 98503</p>	<p>Because of cost, the Medical Equipment Bank is not currently able to provide batteries for motorized wheelchairs and scooters. This grant is specifically for that purpose. \$2,500 would supply about six to eight batteries.</p>	<p>\$2,500</p>

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<p>Rebuilding Together Thurston County 809 Legion Way SE, Suite 306 Olympia, WA 98501</p>	<p>City of Tumwater funds would be used to work on one of their 50 proposed critical repair projects for 2024. This specific project is for a homeowner in Tumwater. Stephanie (54) and her mother (77) live in a doublewide manufactured home located in a park in Tumwater. They purchased the home in 2012. Stephanie and her mother are both living with disabilities. Their combined income is just under \$27,000 per year. City of Tumwater funds would be spent on Stage 1 repairs at their home. Their project coordinator inspected their home and has deemed these repairs the most critical for them to live there safely.</p> <p>Stage 1 (most critical safety need) - Total estimate \$4000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wheelchair ramp • Bathtub modified to a walk in (Miracle Method), grab bars. • Plumbing repaired, bathroom floor replaced due to water damage, and other related incidentals. <p>Stage 2 (other critical needs) - Total estimate \$2000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weatherstripping • Working bathroom exhaust fan • Working dishwasher • Security motion light • Plumbing leak in utility room • Back porch roof/awning repair • Bedroom door repair • Heating restored to one area of the home 	<p>\$3,000</p>
<p>SafePlace 521 Legion Way SE Olympia, WA 98501</p>	<p>Funds from the 2024 Community Human Services Program will allow SafePlace to support survivors of sexual and domestic violence by providing them with fuel cards, mechanical repairs for their vehicles, and gift cards for youth in the City of Tumwater. Fuel cards will help survivors reach safety or meet obligations to help reach safety (court hearings, SafePlace advocacy appointments, etc.). Mechanical repairs consist of any type of routine maintenance like oil changes, windshield wipers, tec. Gift cards for youth will help pay for essential items like clothes and school supplies. These services will eliminate financial and transportation barriers for survivors in Tumwater and help them reach safety and stability.</p>	<p>\$6,000</p>

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<p>Tumwater Education Foundation P.O. Box 15122 Tumwater, WA 98512</p>	<p>The City of Tumwater Funds will be used to go towards their Principals Emergency Fund. The money received will be allocated proportionately to each school in the Tumwater School District. The amount received is calculated by each school's student population. The Principals of each school will be responsible for the money and will use the month to provide basic emergent necessities such as clothing (i.e., warm coat in winter for a student who wears only a t-shirt), medical care, food or any other barrier restricting the student from maximizing their full potential.</p>	<p>\$5,000</p>