

TO: General Government Committee  
FROM: Brad Medrud, Planning Manager  
DATE: March 13, 2024  
SUBJECT: Thurston County Rental Assistance Survey

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1) Recommended Action:

This is a discussion item. Please review the attached materials and be prepared to discuss.

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2) Background:

After the City Council adopted Resolution No. R2018-016 in the summer of 2018, the City has undertaken several actions to address homelessness, increase affordable housing, and continue to work with other jurisdictions and agencies to explore regional solutions to these issues. In September 2021, the City Council adopted the Tumwater Housing Action Plan, which informs the City's Comprehensive Plan policies and development regulations and guides implementation strategies to help the City meet its housing needs.

The General Government Committee has requested current information about renters in our community. Elisa Sparkman, the Communications Specialist from the Thurston County Public Health & Social Services Office of Housing & Homeless Prevention will be presenting the results of the 2023 Survey of Thurston County residents who received COVID-19 rent assistance, also known as Emergency Rent Assistance Program (ERAP) and Treasury Rent Assistance Program (T-RAP).

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3) Policy Support:

Strategic Priority to Build a Community Recognized for Quality, Compassion and Humanity with a goal of "Work with government, non-profit, and private partners to develop and implement a performance-based plan for affordable housing and to address homelessness."

Housing Element Goal H-3: To provide adequate, affordable housing for residents of all income groups, including sufficient housing affordable to low and moderate-income groups.

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4) Alternatives:

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5) Fiscal Notes:

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6) Attachments:

- A. Presentation
- B. COVID-19 Rent Assistance Programs 2020-2023 Thurston County, WA