



Clark County Community Services

Clark County Community Services works in partnership with other agencies, jurisdictions, and community providers of Clark County to plan and manage social services and to achieve a safe and healthy community. Most services are contracted out to an estimated 160 organizations or government agencies that provide direct services throughout Clark County. The Department has 37 employees and an annual estimated budget over \$60 million consisting of federal, state and some local funding. Community Services administers the following program areas:

Behavioral Health programs

The Clark County substance use and mental health program contracts with various agencies in the community to provide support services to include housing and rental assistance for people diagnosed with co-occurring disorders. Other contracted services include treatment and treatment-related support services for low-income and indigent Clark County residents not eligible for Medicaid or other insurance and may be involved in a therapeutic court.

Youth Programs

The Department is involved in planning and managing youth services that operate under a strength-based, youth-driven system of care for behavioral health prevention. Programs include Teen Talk, Safe Communities Task Force along with the advisory board called Youth Commissioners and prevention program called Teens for Tomorrow.

Developmental Disabilities

The Developmental Disabilities program plans, funds, and manages contracts for local day program services for babies through the age of 3 and adults needing community supports and/or looking for employment who have developmental disabilities.

Community Development Block Grant & HOME Investment Partnership

Clark County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) programs fund projects that develop or improve affordable housing, infrastructure, and public facilities for all jurisdictions within the County except the City of Vancouver.

Community Action and Homeless programs

The Clark County Community Action Program funds emergency needs and essential services including emergency shelter, transportation, employment services, homeless programs, housing/rental assistance, etc. for low-income or homeless people in Clark County. Responsible to administer and manage the County's Homeless Action Plan and programs ensuring outcomes and requirements outlined by HUD, Washington State Legislature and County Council are being met.

Veterans

The Clark County Veterans Relief Fund provides emergency relief such as help with housing, transportation, etc for indigent veterans that have an honorable discharge and resident Clark County.

Housing Preservation & Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

The Housing Preservation Programs support state and federal goals of assisting low-income households living in Clark County with home maintenance repairs. LIHEAP is an energy assistance program to help low-income people living in Clark County pay electricity bills via a contractual relationship with Clark Public Utilities.