

Urban County Policy Board

September 9, 2024



September 9, 2024, Meeting Agenda

- (info) I. Introductions
- (action) II. Approval of June 10, 2024, minutes
- (action) III. Application and Funding Guidelines Updates
- (info) IV. RFA Overview
- (info) V. CAPER Overview
- (info) VI. Program Updates
- (info) VII. April through June 2024 Quarterly Reports Review
- (info) VIII. Point-in-Time Count Presentation
- (info) IX. Other



Item II. June 10 Meeting Minutes (action)

Urban County Policy Board Meeting Minutes

Recording at: <https://clark.wa.gov/community-services/urban-county-policy-board>
June 10, 2024

URBAN COUNTY POLICY BOARD ATTENDANCE

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| Clark County | Councilor Glen Yung |
| City of Battle Ground | Mayor Troy McCoy |
| City of Camas | Absent |
| City of La Center | Absent |
| City of Ridgefield | Mayor Ron Onslow |
| City of Washougal | Mayor David Stuebe |
| City of Woodland | Absent |
| Town of Yacolt | Councilor Marina Viray |

GUESTS

Allen Westersund (City of Camas); Yaremy Clara (Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber); Gina Van Dyken (Lifeline Connections); Chuck Green (City of Ridgefield); Tasha Slater (City of Vancouver); David Scott, Joe Walsh (City of Washougal); Mike (unknown)

STAFF

Michael Torres, Rebecca Royce

I. Introductions

II. March 11, 2024, Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved following a motion made by Mayor Onslow and seconded by Mayor McCoy.

III. HUD Action Plan Update

Staff provided an update on the Action Plan submission process. County Council approved the Action Plan on April 4, 2024. Public comment was accepted through April 12, 2024, with no comments received. Staff submitted the Action Plan to HUD on May 13, 2024. HUD staff notified county staff of minor updates to the Plan and had a formal request for an additional comment period with advertisement in the newspaper. Comments will be accepted through June 28 and the revised Action Plan will be submitted the next day.

IV. Program Updates

- Consolidated Plan:
The next Five-year Consolidated Plan is due to HUD by May 15, 2025, for program years 2025-2029. Staff will be bringing in a consultant to help with the process. There will be opportunities for public participation including surveys, community meetings and a final public hearing. The city of Vancouver recently completed their Consolidated Plan and will share their data along with other countywide data collection including the recently completed Community Needs Assessment.
- Build America, Buy America (BABA) Follow-up
At the March meeting UCPB members indicated possible interest in creating a workgroup to better understand the impacts of the new BABA rules on infrastructure projects. Board members decided to table a subcommittee in lieu of the already ongoing regular meeting of Public Works directors.

- HUD Environmental Review Monitoring:
Staff informed the board that HUD scheduled a monitoring in late June of the county's environmental review process and completed environmental reviews.
- Timeliness Update:
As anticipated Clark County did not meet the timeliness goal in May. The 2.29 achieved this year is lower than last year and the county has spent 114% of the funds available. Staff will keep working to get projects moving forward. Almost 40% of jurisdictions were untimely this year. Staff anticipate going into a formal consultation with HUD, but we are unclear on the process at this time. Possible delay in receiving grant agreement, but most projects and programs are being funded with reallocated funds so there should not be a delay in moving those forward. Board discussed options available to recall funds from projects that are behind, including impacting future awards for the agency during scoring and reallocating funds to different applications.

V. January – March 2024 Quarterly Report Review

Staff provided an updated quarterly summary report based on feedback from the board at previous meetings. All previous information remains. Changes include grouping all projects by category rather than funding source, increased focus on timeliness for projects, focus on both timeliness and outcomes for programs and new staff comments section.

Staff provided an overview of the results of the January – March report. Many projects and programs are not on schedule, but most have plans to get caught up quickly. Programs have a January start date, and outcomes reflect the start of the program. Programs should meet the full proposed number in the third to fourth quarters.

VI. Training: Conducting an Income Survey

Staff provided a training on how to conduct an income survey. Income surveys are required when a project's eligibility is based on the low-income area using Census Tract Block Group income information. When a project is located in a Block Group that does not meet the income criteria, the applicant has the option to conduct an income survey of all households who will benefit from the project. Income surveys need to be completed at the time of pre-application submission, typically October 31.

Income surveys must be approved by HUD before they are conducted. County staff will work closely with the applicant agency to ensure the service area is accurate and that all information HUD needs to make a determination is collected. County staff will then submit the request to HUD. Once approved, the applicant agency conducts the survey and provides all information to county staff to verify the survey is statistically valid and meets the income threshold.

The training also included some pointers on conducting surveys and important training information for survey takers.

VII. Other

- Public Comment: none
- The 50th anniversary of Community Development Block Grant will be highlighted in *Clark County Close Up*. Staff will share the short video which includes interviews with staff and Councilor Yung when it is available.
- Next meeting, September 9, 2024, 9:30am.



Item III. Application and Funding Guidelines (action)

- Last update was 2016
- A lot of changes are word choice, to add clarifications, or to update the guidelines to match current practice
- Three documents provided in the meeting reminder
 - Version with tracked changes so you can see all edits
 - Summary of changes
 - Version if all changes are approved



Item III. Application and Funding Guidelines (cont)

- Word choice and clarification updates
 - Updates language from Infrastructure to Neighborhood Improvements, Social Service to Public Facilities.
 - AG Section 5 clarifies when applications are due. All applications are now due at the same time.
 - AG Section 6 clarifies when technical corrections can be made to an application. This is done during the staff review process.
 - AG Section 7 clarifies when an income survey is considered complete and due in the application process.
 - FG Section 1 clarifies which applications are awarded grants vs loans and typical loan terms. Incorporates deleted FG Sections 2 and parts of deleted section 5.



Item III. Application and Funding Guidelines (cont)

- Current practice updates
 - AG Section 2 clarification on what programs/projects require match and/or if match is used in the scoring process.
 - Although the overall HOME program requires 25% match, it is difficult for TBRA programs to meet this requirement and the county has not required match the last several years.
 - County receives enough match to meet program requirements through the homebuyer and multi-family projects.
 - AG Section 3 breaks down the maximum amount of funding available for each application type.
 - AG Section 5 deletion. Although scoring is tied to projects moving quickly, there has not been additional consideration for projects starting in August.
 - AG Section 10 deletion. This information is now included in Section 3.
 - AG Section 10 addition. Administrative reviews have always been a part of the application process, but not reflected in the Application Guidelines.
 - FG Section 4, bullet 2 removal of redundant language now in the main part of this section.
 - FG Section 5 deletion. Now under FG Section 1.
 - CFG Section 3 partial deletion. Contingency funds cannot be used for a new project; this must go through the application process.
 - Exhibit 1 received an overhaul to indicate eligibility based on application type rather than funding source.
 - Exhibit 1 Endnotes updated to reflect eligible activities and appropriate examples.



Item III. Application and Funding Guidelines (cont)

- Proposed change (action item)
 - AG Section 3: Increase multi-family construction projects maximum request to \$400,000
 - If not accepted, maximum will remain at \$300,000
 - AG Section 3: Separate this amount from the full pot of funds used for both multi-family and TBRA. Requests beyond the first \$400,000 would compete with TBRA.
 - Prioritizes the construction, acquisition and condition of multi-family housing
 - If not accepted, all multi-family projects will continue to compete against TBRA



Item IV. RFA Overview (info)

- PY2025 Requests for Applications released October 1
 - Pre-applications due October 31
 - Full application due December 2
- Pre-submittal workshops October 15 (strongly encouraged)
 - Available in-person at Center for Community Health and online via Webex
 - Public Facility and Neighborhood Improvements 9-10AM
 - Asset and Economic Development 10-11AM
 - Affordable Housing and Homelessness 11AM-12 Noon
- TA Drop-in (optional)
 - October 28 2-3PM
 - November 25 1-2PM



Item IV. RFA Overview (cont)

- RFA application updates
 - Re-organized questions so that all the questions for each project type are in one section (timeline and budget no longer in their own sections)
 - All applications have equity questions to answer; equity questions updated
 - Several new questions regarding environmental review requirements for Neighborhood Improvement applications
 - New timeline question with negative points
- RFA guidance documents updated
 - More information provided about the RFA process, timelines and requirements
 - Application questions updated to reflect the changes in Neighborly



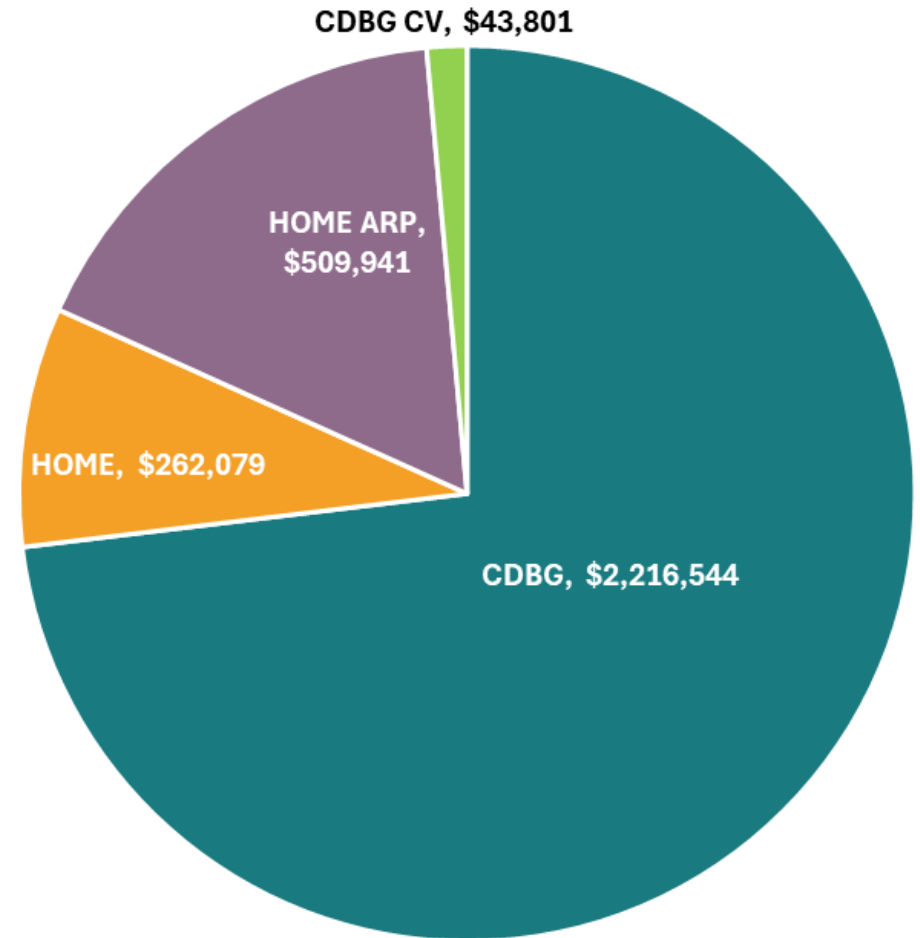
Item V. CAPER Overview (info)

- Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER)
- Accomplishments and spending for PY2023 (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024)
- County Council presentation and public hearing 9/17 6PM
- Draft CAPER released for public comment 9/6
 - The Columbian, News Release, County social media, email to stakeholders
 - Comments accepted through 9/23
- Due to HUD by 9/27



2023 Total CDBG and HOME Spending

| Funding Source | Amount |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Community Development Block Grant | \$2,216,544 |
| HOME Investment Partnerships Program | \$262,079 |
| CDBG-CV – COVID Relief | \$509,941 |
| HOME-ARP – American Rescue Plan Act | \$43,801 |
| Total | \$3,032,365 |



2023 Total Spending by Activity Type

| Activity Type | Amount |
|---|--------------------|
| Affordable Housing & Homelessness | \$666,009 |
| Public Facilities & Neighborhood Improvements | \$967,226 |
| Economic Development & Homeownership | \$984,061 |
| Administration | \$415,070 |
| Total | \$3,032,366 |



2023 Reported Activities

| Public Facilities & Neighborhood Improvements | Asset & Economic Development | Affordable Housing & Homelessness |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| Battle Ground HealthCare Acquisition | Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber Business Assistance | Mercy Housing New Construction |
| Camas NW 14 th Street Improvements | Homeowner Rehab | Lifeline Connections TBRA |
| Lifeline Connections Mother's Recovery House | Mercy Corps NW Business Assistance | Janus Youth TBRA |
| Washougal Social Service Building Upgrades | Proud Ground Homebuyer | Share TBRA |



Item VI. Program Updates (info)

- Consolidated Plan Consultant selected, contract in process
 - Resource Consultants located in Mosier, OR
 - Planning underway
- HUD Environmental Review monitoring scheduled for June has been postponed
- PY2024 Action Plan approved by HUD
 - HOME grant agreement received
 - CDBG grant agreement delayed due to timeliness issues
- Timeliness Update
 - HUD cannot release CDBG grant agreement until HQ approves
 - HQ working on new timeliness requirements due to CDBG program updates



Item VII. April-June 2024 Quarterly Report (info)

| Public Facilities and Neighborhood Improvements | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|------|---|---------------|-----------------|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------|---|
| Infrastructure | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Contract Number | Year Awarded | IDIS | Project | Funded Amount | Expended Amount | Agency Report Narrative | Proposed Completion Date | Estimated Completion Date | Actual Completion Date | On Schedule | County Staff Comments |
| 2001 | 2020 | | Battle Ground - SE Clark Avenue Improvements. Construct 150' section to create through road. | \$129,200 | \$0 | Project on hold to be combined with VHA Weaver Creek project. | November 2020 | April 2025 | N/A | No | The environmental review for the Weaver Creek project must include the entire project scope, including this infrastructure work. |
| 2201 | 2022 | 1514 | Camas - NW 14th Improvements. Roadway, sidewalk, curb ramps, and water service improvements between NW Ash and NW Couch St. | \$212,000 | \$189,765 | Construction complete. Final reports submitted to county. Final payment to prime contractor in July with final payment request to county following. | December 2023 | June 2024 | N/A | No | Prime contractor had staff turnover delaying completion of the project. Final reports approved. Waiting final invoice from Camas. |
| 2203 | 2022 | | Ridgefield - Gee Creek Loop Improvements. Construct stormwater improvements to alleviate flooding and poor drainage on Gee Creek Loop, and add a pedestrian crossing with rapid flashing beacons to the intersection of Pioneer Street/SR501 and Gee Creek Loop. | \$195,000 | \$0 | Project awarded funding. Project design and environmental review underway. | June 2023 | June 2025 | N/A | No | Significant delays due to changes in scope based on city consultation with state. Staff working through environmental review process. |
| 2204/ 2304 | 2022/ 2023 | | Washougal - Hamlik Park Improvements. Combined with 2021 award, project expands to install full basketball court, improve ADA access, and other park improvements. | \$179,000 | \$0 | Project awarded funding. Project design and environmental review underway. | August 2025 | August 2025 | N/A | Yes | Environmental review nearly complete, waiting for HUD approval. |
| 2301 | 2023 | | Battle Ground - NE 1 st Street Sidewalks. Add sidewalks, including curb, gutter, lighting, storm drainage, and ADA improvements on NE 1st Street between NE 3rd Avenue and Central Park, leading to high school. | \$200,000 | \$0 | Project awarded funding. Project design and environmental assessment level review underway. | August 2024 | March 2025 | N/A | Yes | Environmental review underway. NMFS individual consultation required, floodplain management 8-step review required. |
| 2303 | 2023 | | Ridgefield - Hall & Elm Improvements. Upgrades water line, reconstructs severely damaged sidewalk and street, and adds ADA ramps on Hall and Elm between 1st and Railroad Avenues. | \$232,470 | \$0 | Project awarded funding. | October 2024 | June 2025 | N/A | No | Staff waiting to complete previously funded projects before initiating environmental review for this project. |
| 2401 | 2024 | | Battle Ground - N Parkway Avenue Sidewalks. Installation of sidewalks along the east side of N Parkway Ave between N 25th St and N Onsdorff Blvd. | \$300,000 | \$0 | Project awarded funding. | May 2025 | May 2025 | N/A | Yes | Staff waiting to complete previously funded projects before initiating environmental review for this project. |
| 2403 | 2024 | | Ridgefield - Sargent Street improvements. Construction of ADA-compliant infill sidewalks, replace a fire hydrant, upgrade the main waterline and stormwater improvements on Sargent Street from S Third Ave east and wrapping around to S Main Ave approximately halfway to Pioneer Street. | \$200,000 | \$0 | Project awarded funding. | December 2025 | June 2025 | N/A | Yes | Staff waiting to complete previously funded projects before initiating environmental review for this project. |
| Social Service | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Contract Number | Year Awarded | IDIS | Project | Funded Amount | Expended Amount | Agency Report Narrative | Proposed Completion Date | Estimated Completion Date | Actual Completion Date | On Schedule | County Staff Comments |
| 2004 | 2020 | 1467 | Washougal - Social Service Building Repairs. Building exterior and window repairs at 1702 C Street. | \$227,000 | \$227,928 | Project complete. | September 2020 | May 2024 | N/A | No | Significant delays getting final reports and invoice for the project. |
| 2402 | 2024 | 1548 | CFTH - Housing Solutions Center. Acquisition of an existing building for use as a single, centralized access point for the Housing Solutions Center and Administration office. | \$300,000 | \$300,000 | Building acquired in April. Renovation design in process. | April 2024 | April 2024 | April 2024 | Yes | Final invoice processed. |



Item V. Jan-March 2024 Quarterly Report (cont'd)

Asset and Economic Development

Business Assistance

| Contract Number | Year Awarded | IDIS | Program | Funded Amount | Expended Amount | Agency Report Narrative | Proposed Outcomes | Outcomes to Date | Program Year | On Schedule | County Staff Comments |
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| 2205 | 2022 | 1535 | Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber – Business Technical Assistance. Bilingual assistance to support small businesses in Clark County. | \$78,600 | \$68,696 | Program complete. Served 43 clients with 25 being new businesses. Of those, 17 were licensed. 46 full-time jobs were created or retained. | 50 Businesses | 43 | Jan-Dec 2023 | No | Program delays due to staff turnover. Program extended to June 2024. |
| CV08 | 2023 | 1545 | Greater Vancouver Chamber - Business Technical Assistance. Provide technical assistance and grants to small businesses. | \$71,000 | \$17,811 | Program underway with workshops, 1:1 coaching, and networking cohorts. 17 existing businesses and 6 new businesses assisted. | 100 Businesses | 23 | Jan-Dec 2023 | Yes | Delayed contract due to increased insurance requirements from Clark County Risk Management. |
| 2306/ CV09 | 2023 | | Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber – Business Technical Assistance. Bilingual assistance to support small businesses in Clark County. Combined with CDBG-CV funds. | \$43,000 \$36,000 | \$0 | Project awarded funding. Program to start once 2022 funds expended. | 50 Businesses | N/A | Jan-Dec 2024 | Yes | Contract drafted. Waiting for updated insurance documents. |
| 2405 | 2024 | | Fourth Plain Forward - Business Technical Assistance. Provide technical assistance and IDA match to BIPOC small businesses. | \$298,871 | \$0 | Project awarded funding. | 26 Businesses | N/A | Jan-Dec 2025 | Yes | N/A |
| 2406 | 2024 | | Greater Vancouver Chamber - Business Technical Assistance. Provide technical assistance and grants to small businesses. | \$78,000 | \$0 | Project awarded funding. | 100 Businesses | N/A | Jan-Dec 2025 | Yes | N/A |
| 2407 | 2024 | | Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber – Business Technical Assistance. Bilingual assistance and IDA match to support small businesses in Clark County. | \$130,000 | \$0 | Project awarded funding. | 35 Businesses | N/A | Jan-Dec 2025 | Yes | N/A |

Homeowner Assistance

| Contract Number | Year Awarded | IDIS | Program | Funded Amount | Expended Amount | Agency Report Narrative | Proposed Outcomes | Outcomes to Date | Program Year | On Schedule | County Staff Comments |
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| 2108 21H5 | 2021 | 1484/ 1485 | Proud Ground - Homeownership Assistance. Home buying opportunities using a land trust model, buyers under 80% AMI. | \$261,689 \$38,311 | \$262,646 \$38,311 | Program complete. Delays due to getting private mortgages with high interest rates and high housing costs. | 3 Households | 3 | Jan-Dec 2022 | No | Staff worked with provider to create plan to spend funds quickly. |
| 2207 22H1 | 2022 | 1546/ 1547 | Proud Ground - Homeownership Assistance. Home buying opportunities using a land trust model, buyers under 80% AMI. | \$126,778 \$173,222 | \$0 \$0 | Have several households in process and identified a few VHA owned properties. | 4 Households | 0 | Jan-Dec 2023 | No | Staff working with provider to spend out by end of 2024. ERR completed for 2 properties. |
| 2250 | 2022 | Various | Clark County - Homeowner Rehabilitation Program. Provides essential housing repairs to allow homeowners to maintain their existing housing safely and affordably. | \$250,000 | \$58,804 | Program underway. Delays with 2021 funded projects due to construction issues. 2 households complete, 5 households in process, 1 canceled. | 10 Households | 2 | Jan-Dec 2023 | No | Costs of construction and ability to find contractors is delaying projects. |
| 2307 | 2023 | | Proud Ground - Homeownership Assistance. Home buying opportunities using a land trust model, buyers under 80% AMI. | \$450,000 | \$0 | Project awarded funding. | 4 Households | N/A | Jan-Dec 2024 | No | Will start as soon as 2022 program completed. |
| 2350 | 2023 | Various | Clark County - Homeowner Rehabilitation Program. Provides essential housing repairs to allow homeowners to maintain their existing housing safely and affordably. | \$250,000 | \$0 | Project awarded funding. | 10 Households | N/A | Jan-Dec 2024 | No | Will start as soon as 2022 program completed. |
| 2404 | 2024 | | Evergreen Habitat - Homeownership Assistance. Home buying opportunities using a land trust model, buyers under 80% AMI. | \$300,000 | \$0 | Project awarded funding. | 10 Households | N/A | Jan-Dec 2025 | Yes | N/A |
| 2408 | 2024 | | Proud Ground - Homeownership Assistance. Home buying opportunities using a land trust model, buyers under 80% AMI. | \$300,000 | \$0 | Project awarded funding. | 3 Households | N/A | Jan-Dec 2025 | Yes | N/A |
| 2450 | 2024 | Various | Clark County - Homeowner Rehabilitation Program. Provides essential housing repairs to allow homeowners to maintain their existing housing safely and affordably. | \$346,110 | \$0 | Project awarded funding. | 10 Households | N/A | Jan-Dec 2025 | Yes | N/A |



Item V. Jan-March 2024 Quarterly Report (cont'd)

| Affordable Housing and Homelessness | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|------|---|-----------------------|-----------------|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------|--|
| Affordable Housing | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Contract Number | Year Awarded | IDIS | Project | Funded Amount | Expended Amount | Agency Report Narrative | Proposed Completion Date | Estimated Completion Date | Actual Completion Date | On Schedule | County Staff Comments |
| 20H7 | 2020 | 1489 | VHA - Central Park Place Rehab. Replace building exterior and systems; increase accessibility and parking; reconfigure to add units. | \$180,000 | \$180,604 | Construction complete. Final invoice paid. | December 2021 | October 2022 | March 2024 | No | Delays with funding and construction. |
| 22H2/ 23H3 | 2022/ 2023 | | Second Step Housing - Market-rate unit acquisition. Combined with 2023 award. Purchase existing market-rate rentals for affordable housing units. | \$817,458 | \$0 | Project awarded funding. Working on full financing package. | September 2024 | June 2025 | | N/A | Agency applied to Commerce for funding. Announcements made in September with allocations by end of year. |
| ARP5/ 24H5 | 2022/ 2024 | | VHA - Weaver Creek Commons. Construction of 80 affordable housing units in Battle Ground. Includes a mix of studio, 1, and 2 bedroom units. | \$965,319 \$39,502 | \$0 | Project awarded funding. Awarded Housing Trust Funds. Financing nearly complete. | February 2025 | June 2025 | | Yes | Applying for additional state funding. |

| Tenant-Based Rental Assistance | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---|-----------------------|----------------------|---|-------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|---|
| Contract Number | Year Awarded | IDIS | Program | Funded Amount | Expended Amount | Agency Report Narrative | Proposed Outcomes | Outcomes to Date | Program Year | On Schedule | County Staff Comments |
| 22H3/ ARP3 | 2022 | 1515/ 1516 | Salvation Army - Pathway of Hope. Provide TBRA and case management for 15 individuals and families experiencing homelessness. | \$75,000 \$15,000 | \$7,172 \$37,979 | Program underway. Agency working with households on stability plans. | 15 Households | 7 | Jan-Dec 2023 | No | New program for agency. Significant delays getting program started. Contract extended through September 2024. Invoices submitted timely. |
| ARP6 | 2022 | 1521 | YWCA - Domestic Violence TBRA. Provide TBRA and case management for 24 individuals and families experiencing homelessness. | \$180,000 | \$45,331 | Program underway. Agency working with households on stability plans. | 12 Households | 5 | Jan-Dec 2023 | No | New program for agency. Significant delays getting program started. Contract extended through September 2024. Invoices submitted timely. |
| 2308 23H1 | 2023 | 1536/ 1537 | Janus Youth - The Nest. Provide TBRA and case management for approximately 20 youth households (ages 18-24) households. | \$45,000 \$150,000 | \$7,422 \$42,619 | Program underway. Agency working with households on stability plans. | 20 Households | 10 | Jan-Dec 2024 | Yes | Agency lost primary case manager for program, other staff supporting program until new person hired. Invoices submitted timely. |
| 2309 23H2 | 2023 | 1539/ 1538 | Lifeline - Recovery Rental Assistance. Provide TBRA and case management for 5 households engaged in recovery supports. | \$30,000 \$100,000 | \$1,267 \$4,048 | Program underway. Agency is transitioning households from another program into this program due to loss of funding. | 5 Households | 4 | Jan-Dec 2024 | Yes | Agency working to increase program capacity to meet outcomes. Fewer issues with invoices and better understanding of federal regulations. |
| 2310 23H4 | 2023 | 1541/ 1540 | Share - TBRA. Provide TBRA and case management for 15 individuals and families experiencing homelessness. | \$75,000 \$250,000 | \$26,200 \$98,725 | Program underway. Agency working with households on stability plans. | 15 Households | 18 | Jan-Dec 2024 | Yes | Invoices submitted timely. |
| 2409 24H1 | 2024 | | Janus Youth - The Nest. Provide TBRA and case management for approximately 20 youth households (ages 18-24) households. | \$45,000 \$150,000 | \$0 | Project awarded funding. | 25 Households | N/A | Jan-Dec 2025 | Yes | N/A |
| 2410 24H2 | 2024 | | Lifeline - Recovery Rental Assistance. Provide TBRA and case management for 5 households engaged in recovery supports. | \$25,182 \$83,940 | \$0 | Project awarded funding. | 4 Households | N/A | Jan-Dec 2025 | Yes | N/A |
| 2411 24H3 | 2024 | | Share - TBRA. Provide TBRA and case management for 15 individuals and families experiencing homelessness. | \$50,512 \$275,000 | \$0 | Project awarded funding. | 15 Households | N/A | Jan-Dec 2025 | Yes | N/A |
| 2412 24H4 | 2024 | | YWCA - Domestic Violence TBRA. Provide TBRA and case management for 24 individuals and families experiencing homelessness. | \$63,000 \$210,000 | \$0 | Project awarded funding. | 10 Households | N/A | Jan-Dec 2025 | Yes | N/A |



Item VIII. Point-in-Time Count Presentation Council for the Homeless





2024 Clark County Point In Time Count

PIT Count – What is it?

- Single Night Snapshot – normally last Thursday in January. This year it was January 25th.
- Required by HUD & WA Dept. of Commerce
- Only counts literal homelessness by HUD's definition
- New tools and increased effectiveness in counting each year
- Enables better planning and funding determinations
- *Best* available data



Data Sources

- Sheltered Count
 - Homeless Management Information System
- Unsheltered Count
 - Non HMIS – Service Locations
 - School District Homeless Liaisons
 - Street Count
 - Project Homeless Connect Event



2024 Process Highlights

- Year-round professional outreach teams planned and performed street count.
- Conducted surveys using mobile app – “Counting Us” for 5th year.
- Growth in attendance at the Project Homeless Connect event.





2024 CLARK COUNTY, WA POINT IN TIME COUNT RESULTS

with 2023
comparisons

1366

People were experiencing homelessness in Clark County on January 25, 2024.

▲ **5%** from January 26, 2023



669 People were **UNSHELTERED** — ▼ **.4%**



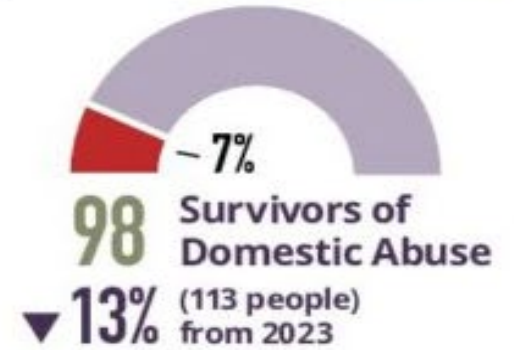
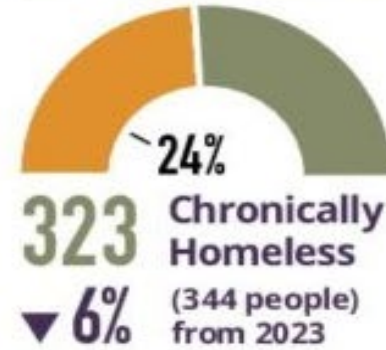
483 People were in an **EMERGENCY SHELTER** — ▲ **13%**



214 People were in **TRANSITIONAL HOUSING** — ▲ **7%**

OF THE 1366 PEOPLE:

♀ **42% WOMEN** **56% MEN** ♂



39%
PEOPLE OF COLOR
19% of Clark County population (ACS 2021)



Overall more people counted again in 2024 but rate of increase may be slowing.

- 5% increase in total number of people counted in 2024 PIT count.
- 2023 had reported a 9% increase from the previous year.
- 2022 had reported a 31% increase from 2020.



Increase of people within Sheltered count

- 483 people counted in ES in 2024 up from 428 in 2023.
- +13% in emergency sheltered clients largely due to increased number of year-round ES bed capacity.
- Two new safe-stay shelters were open in 2024 (“415 West” and “Safe Stay #4” that provide shelter for single adults or couples)
- 7% more people in Transitional Housing



Increased % of people experiencing chronic homelessness within shelters

- Chronically homeless individuals or couples w/o children in shelters increased 47% in 2024.
- Unsheltered chronically homeless individuals or couples w/o children reduced by 33% in 2024.



Slight decrease in total people within unsheltered count

- The 669 people surveyed in the 2024 unsheltered count is a .4% decrease from the 672 in the 2023 count.
- The decrease was driven by a reduction in the number of unsheltered single and couple households.
- 2024 was the first time in 9 years where the unsheltered number did not increase.

More unsheltered families counted in 2024

In comparison to 2023 count:

- 19 more families with children were included in the 2024 unsheltered count.
- Families primarily counted through safe-parking program, school homeless liaisons, PHC and food banks.



Children (under 18 years) counted in 2024

In comparison to 2023 count:

- 267 children counted in 2024. 224 in 2023.
- Sheltered = 152 in 2024. 145 in 2023 = +5%
- Unsheltered = 115 in 2024. 79 in 2023 = +46%



2024 showed a reduction in number of unsheltered senior numbers

- Since 2017, we had been seeing a consistent annual growth in the number of seniors age 62+ experiencing unsheltered homelessness.
- 3 in 2017 and had increased to 40 by 2023.
- Additional shelters and shelters where seniors are prioritized contributed towards a reduction for unsheltered seniors to 27 in 2024

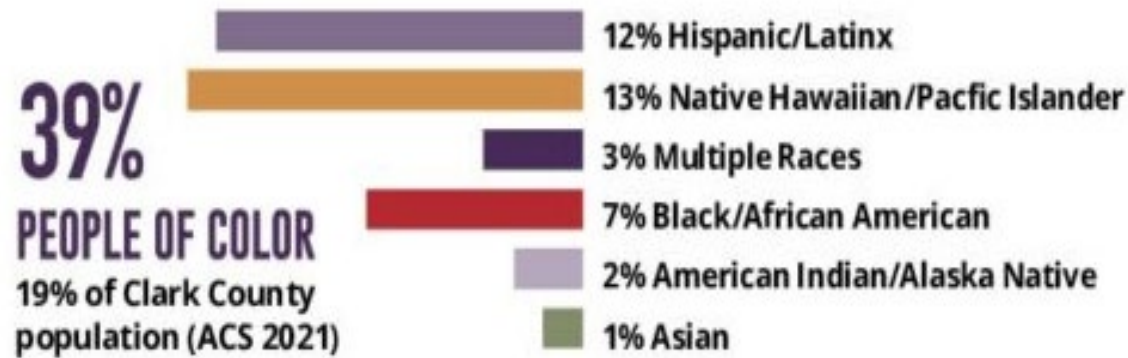


29% reduction in overall Veterans counted in 2024.

- 18 unsheltered veterans were counted in 2024 compared to 32 in 2023.
- 23 veterans were counted in shelters in 2023 compared to 21 in 2024.



Homelessness effects BIPOC people at a disproportionate rate which has grown.



- This percentage was 31% in the 2023 count and 27% in 2022.

Project Homeless Connect attendees who identified as: deaf, hard of hearing, CODA, deaf of deaf, deaf of hearing, or other?

- Unsheltered homeless survey respondents = 8%
- Sheltered homeless survey respondents = 9%
- Unstably housed/at-risk survey respondents = 1%

- Of those who provided a specific response: Hard of Hearing = 10, Deaf = 2 and Other:Tinnitus = 1

Affordable housing necessary to exit clients from homelessness

- Whether sheltered or unsheltered, all people counted in the Point In Time count were experiencing homelessness.
- Affordable housing units are essential to allowing a flow of people from an unsheltered situation to shelter and on to their own permanent housing.



Q & A:





Thank You

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Wrap Up

VII. Other

- Public Comment
- Good of the Order

***Save the Date - next UCPB meeting:
October 14, 2024, 9:30am - 11:00am***

