



Whatcom County Local Plan Update to
10 Year Plan to End Homelessness

2012-2017

Process of Plan Development

Review of plan components by Steering Committee

Commerce training November

Visits to Eastern Whatcom Regional Resource Center

Consults with Homeless Voices

Small Cities Partnership, April meeting

Youth input - Windward HS, NWYS

Present to Coalition meeting, April or May 2018

Additional legislative requirements forthcoming

Whatcom County Housing Advisory Committee

Whatcom County Council

1. Reduce the number of people who experience homelessness
2. Reduce the amount of time people spend homeless
3. Increase the number of people moving into permanent housing after receiving assistance
4. Reduce the number of people returning to homelessness after obtaining permanent housing

Goals of Plan



Current County Activities

\$4.6 million in federal, state and local funds annually dedicated to homeless housing system

\$1.5 million comes from non-housing funds (Veterans and Behavioral Health)

\$400,000 dedicated to Specialized Shelters and Motel Vouchers

Prioritize Families with Children; Highly vulnerable individuals; Veterans

Fund the Coordinated Entry System, Homeless Management Information System, & Point In Time Count

Fund Supportive Housing Programs

Provide Case Management

Strategies

1. Increase Case Management capacity
2. Support 24/7 staffing at Supportive Housing programs
3. Provide Behavioral Health services on-site at housing programs & shelters
4. Add SUD expertise to Homeless Outreach Team
5. Add Peer Recovery Support services on-site at housing programs & shelters
6. Support operations of specialized shelters (DVSAS, PAD, SUN, Interfaith)
7. Increase housing assistance to Specialty Court members

Plan Due June 2018
