

# Housing subsidies through Department of Commerce and HCA

## Overview

Many people currently receiving Housing and Recovery through Peer Services (HARPS) rent assistance are nearing the end of their HARPS subsidies. The Department of Commerce and the Health Care Authority Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR) have partnered to continue paying rents for some of those people who are at risk of homelessness, and other people who qualify.

## Eligibility

Anyone who meets all three of these criteria:

- Receiving HARPS or discharging from state psychiatric hospitals, psychiatric inpatient beds, or substance use facilities.
- Unstably housed, at risk of homelessness, or unsheltered. (An example of at risk of homelessness is someone whose HARPS subsidy has been exhausted.)
- Receiving supportive services including case management, care coordination, clinical supervision, behavioral health services, vocational support services, supportive housing services.

## Authority

The Legislature funded these subsidies in the 2017-2019 state operating budget.

## 2017-19 budget

\$876,667

## Rates

Fair market rents for 2018

## FY 2018 costs and numbers served

523 individuals were served with these funds. Of those, 212 were served multiple times. The average cost per individual was \$1,112.11 for the year. This includes administrative costs.

## Key partners

Department of Commerce, Great Rivers Behavioral Health Organization (BHO), Greater Columbia BHO, King County BHO, North Sound BHO, Optum-Pierce BHO, Salish BHO, Spokane BHO, Thurston-Mason BHO and their contracted providers.

## For more information

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