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## **Public Input Sought on Affordable Housing and Community Development Needs**

*Snohomish County announces two public hearings related to the planning process for federal affordable housing and community development funds*

**EVERETT, Wash., November 21, 2016** - Snohomish County invites all interested persons to provide input on local community needs for affordable housing, public facility, infrastructure, services and economic development projects to be funded with 2017 federal grant funds and to provide input on 2015 grant performance.

Snohomish County, in consortium with 19 cities and towns within the County, receives approximately \$4 million in federal funds each year under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs. The grant funds help support local affordable housing, public facility, infrastructure, service, and economic development projects that benefit low-to-moderate income persons and neighborhoods in Snohomish County.

The use of these grant funds is guided by a five-year (2015-2019) plan which establishes goals based on community needs.

Each year, Snohomish County, as lead agency of the consortium, is required to develop an Annual Action Plan for use of these funds. The 2017 Annual Action Plan will cover the period between July 1, 2017, and June 30, 2018.

Two meetings to provide information and receive input will be held. The meetings are scheduled for Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. Both meetings will be located in Public Meeting Room 2 of the Robert J. Drewel Building, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue on the Snohomish County Campus in Everett.

Snohomish County will also accept written comments. Comments can be sent to Debra May at [Debra.May@snoco.org](mailto:Debra.May@snoco.org) or mailed to Snohomish County Human Services Department – OHCD, 3000 Rockefeller Ave, M/S 305, Everett, WA 98201.

For more information, to request reasonable accommodation, or to request a foreign language interpreter, contact Debra May, Human Services Department at (425) 388-3264 or at [Debra.May@snoco.org](mailto:Debra.May@snoco.org).

**The Snohomish County Human Services Department** helps all persons meet their basic needs and develop their potential by providing timely, effective human services and building community. The Housing & Community Services Division administers a wide range of programs that provide affordable housing, community development, and related services to low-income and homeless persons.

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