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Public Input Sought on Fair Housing Options

Snohomish County Human Services announces three fair housing forums to obtain community input

EVERETT, Wash., October 23, 2019 - Snohomish County Human Services invites members of the public to attend a fair housing community forum.

The forums will include information on fair housing laws and the preliminary results of a fair housing study currently being completed for Snohomish County. The forums will provide an opportunity for individuals, social services providers, housing providers, landlords, property managers, lenders, and other interested persons and organizations to participate in a discussion about fair housing choice in our community.

The forums are scheduled for:

October 28, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Stillaguamish Conference Room 154 Cox Ave Arlington, WA 98223	October 28, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Lynnwood Fire Station 15 18800 44 th Ave W Lynnwood, WA 98036	October 29, 5:00 TO 7:00 p.m. Monroe Fire Department 163 Village Court Monroe, WA 98272
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The report is required in order for the County and the Snohomish County Consortium to receive approximately \$5 million annually in federal grants from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs. These funds are used to support affordable housing and community development projects for low-income people, families and neighborhoods.

Federal and state fair housing laws prohibit discrimination in the rental, sale or financing of housing based on race, color, creed, national origin, religion, sex, disability, familial status, marital status, sexual orientation and veteran/military status.

The forum facilities are accessible to individuals with disabilities. For more information, to request a 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.

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.