

Partner Feedback on the City of Lynnwood's Use of American Rescue Act Monies

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY #6	Vicci L. Hilty Executive Director/C.E.O. 425-259-2827 Ext 1021 vicci@dvs-snoco.org www.dvs-snoco.org	“Domestic Violence is still going up and our numbers are still growing. Every Department (Shelter, housing, legal advocacy, prevention, and community...has seen large percentage changes) We have seen this is even more so within the BIPOC communities.”	“With the upsurge of the Delta Variant, we are seeing a need again for more hotel stays, also assistance for childcare, rental assistance as well.”	“Cleaning supplies for clients as well as service centers including more and more masks for mask mandates.”		
LATINO EDUCATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE #5	Rosario Reyes Founder and CEO Cell: (206) 228-2236 Office: (425) 775-2688 Rosario@letiya.org www.letiya.org www.facebook.com/letiya.org	Covid 19 Vaccine Support Specialist: "Legal Issues seem to be a big obstacle with most of our clients. Due to the lack of resources, and information most clients don't have access to legal help. I think the American Rescue Act monies can help you deal with these issues by giving us resources and ways to inform the people about these issues."	Health and Wellness Coordinator "With the organization, we are dealing with a significant increase in clients looking for assistance with navigating resources to help with their basic needs like Rent Assistance, Utilities, Internet, as well as food. Thus leading to the issue of having more clients than our regular staff can handle. So, our capacity to serve clients on the level that we were previously working with them has been affected. By funding more small organizations that cater to underserved communities, like LETI, we could increase the number of staff to better serve our population. I believe that providing space and support for the Latino Community allows there to be growth within the community, as we are not only helping them reach their needs but teaching them how to navigate the system that has been a barrier for many for far too long."	Grant Specialist Program/Admin Assistant "Being actively involved in outreach and recruitment for both LETI and partnering organizations which offer various informational and educational courses to our Latino community, it has become more evident than ever that our community lacks even the most basic technological skills. Due to the current pandemic, most training, classes, and informational sessions have been shifted to an online/virtual basis. Our community, primarily the older group, needs lots of training with basic technology use (both computer and mobile tech). It is my opinion that the best investment that the City of Lynnwood can make is in education. Providing our Latinos with these skills and knowledge is truly invaluable."	Computer Instructor / Tech Support "In my opinion, digital literacy for the entire Latino community is vital and important at this time. The Pandemic exacerbated this problem that has existed for many decades in this region. The new generations of Latinos born here have a disconnection with their roots and parental culture. And the parents or grandparents have not been able to integrate into the American culture due to the lack of resources, programs, projects, and financing of the proposal in the direction of giving them the opportunity to continue with their studies, to learn to use the new information technologies and learn to communicate professionally in the English language."	Latino Resource Navigator "Definitely, at an organizational level the problems I have faced is that the families I speak with are desperate, there is little work and the levels of COVID-19 contagion have re-emerged, many families are afraid to request help due to their immigration status and on a personal level I believe that being locked up and in fear is very hard, the family economy has also been damaged and any financial help at this time is very useful and above all to be able to work."

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<p>EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT #4</p>	<p>Dr. Sally Guzmán, MNPL, Ed.D Family & Community Engagement Coordinator Equity and Student Success Educational Service Center Work: (425) 431-4267 guzmanreyess@edmonds.wednet.edu</p>	<p>Housing Assistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rental assistance • Assistance in navigating the impact of an eviction (multilingual services) • Assistance in paying the deposit/ 2 months on renting a new apartment • Affordable housing • Shelters and more specifically for families to stay together • Hotels vouchers are nice but usually, families need a 3-4 week stay to stabilize 	<p>Childcare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare that is affordable and accessible 	
<p>VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA WESTERN WASHINGTON #3</p>	<p>David Jordan Project Manager mailto:djordan@voaww.org 206-713-3899</p>	<p>Rental Assistance</p> <p>“VOAWW is currently releasing about \$9 million per month in Rental Assistance. It is the most requested service that we have at the moment and we anticipate that when the pandemic slows the need will remain. Investing ARP dollars in ongoing rental assistance needs for the citizens of Lynnwood would be incredibly helpful in the coming years.”</p>	<p>Community Resource Center</p> <p>“VOAWW currently operates three Community Resource Centers (CRC) in Sultan, Arlington, and Lake Stevens. The purpose of CRC’s is to provide a one-stop hub of services for families and individuals facing crises and those needing help accessing basic needs. CRC staff provide connections to local resources and emergency assistance in providing food, clothing, and housing support. CRC’s deliver programs aimed at increasing stability and self-sufficiency. It is a goal for each CRC to tailor services to the community it is serving. CRC’s work to identify existing and emerging community needs and build services to meet those needs. The model aims to support families and individuals by partnering with them as they</p>	<p>Childcare</p> <p>As the community returns to work childcare and early education will continue to be a pressing need. VOA is experienced in both. Currently VOAWW is operating 160 slots of Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program slots in Snohomish County. This is an amazing program that offers half and full day preschool to families that qualify at no cost to them. ARP dollars could be used to secure a location and support new ECEAP classrooms and childcare spaces in Lynnwood.</p>

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		<p>move towards healthy and sustainable living. Supporting a CRC in Lynnwood is a valuable way of investing the ARP resources. A CRC provides a one stop shop for basic needs and will provide light case management for individuals and families experiencing hardship.”</p>
<p>HAND IN HAND KIDS #2</p>	<p>Raniere Outreach Coordinator Phone: 425-954-8357 ext. 1110 Email:Raniere@handinhandkids.org</p>	<p>Rental Assistance</p> <p>“From my perspective from working with Hand In Hand rental assistance is a really big issue. So many families are behind in their rent and their PUD. I would love to see some money be set aside to help those families in need.”</p>
<p>SOUTH SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE</p>	<p>Shawneri Guzman Community Outreach Manager Safe Kids Snohomish County O: 425-551-1254 F: 425-551-1249 sguzman@southsnofire.org</p>	<p>“South County Fire’s Community Resource Paramedic (CRP) Program provides non-emergency assistance to help vulnerable residents access social services and community resources.</p> <p>The goal of the CRP program is to reduce 911 calls and emergency room visits and to enhance the lives of those we serve.</p> <p>South County Fire is currently seeking funds to provide additional Community Resource Paramedics to help meet the needs of our most vulnerable residents.”</p> <p>Detailed program informationⁱ</p>

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Every day, the 911 system is utilized for non-emergency medical or social care needs. . The 911 system is a lifeline when they feel they have nowhere else to turn.

Expensive resources, once reserved for life-threatening emergencies, stay out of service for long periods of time attempting to assist the patient. These attempts are often unsuccessful and only include short-term solutions. The patient will often stay at home and call 911 a short time later for the same problem

Firefighters have a unique opportunity to see a patient's home, overall living situation and challenges they face each day.

Currently, the most trauma-related responses for South County Fire are behavioral health conditions, lack of access to social health services, and older adult falls. Times are changing quickly, and we must adapt to stay ahead of emerging trends. According to SAMSHA and the Washington State Department of Health, our recent pandemic is causing a surge in behavioral health symptoms.

Behavioral health conditions such as suicidal ideation, substance use disorder, psychiatric episodes, and anxiety represent most of our current call types. Vulnerable adults are becoming increasingly isolated as the pandemic continues to plague our community. To compound the issue there is a shortage of mental health support and social work staff to care for our residents. Most challenging is the new legislative house bill (HB1310) that created a situation in which police are not available to assist on high yielding calls. As a default, the fire department has taken on the burden of responding to and finding services for these residents. These calls take special care including a significant amount of time and a level of patience that goes above and beyond the typical level of service provided.

Current events are showing an increase in social isolation, a decrease in supportive services, and an increase in mental health needs. In a paper published by JAMA internal medicine, homebound individuals in the U.S. doubled in the past decade. The share of the population that rarely or never leaves their homes held steady at about 5% from 2011 to 2019 but leaped to 13% last year, likely driven by isolation during the COVID-19 pandemic, researchers found. The greatest increases were among Blacks and Hispanics, who also experienced poorer health and less digital access.