

News Release

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Spokane County Allocates CDBG Funds for Rent, Utility, and Food Assistance

SPOKANE COUNTY, January 12, 2021 – Spokane County Commissioners have approved the allocation of \$1,072,390 in funds from Spokane County's Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus Funding to assist in responding to needs in the community for rent, utility bills, and food security.

Today, the Board of County Commissioners unanimously voted in favor of approving contracts with Spokane Workforce Council and Spokane Valley Partners, running from December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2021.

This is the third-round of Community Development Block Grant aimed at providing funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19) that the County has allocated.

Spokane Workforce Council and its partners at the Spokane Resource Center will receive \$875,912, to provide rental and utility assistance, to low- and moderate-income households affected by COVID-19.

Spokane Valley Partners will receive \$214,478, for serving Spokane Valley and unincorporated County locations with food assistance.

To be eligible for these assistance programs, households must reside within the unincorporated areas of Spokane County, or within the cities and towns of Airway Heights, Deer Park, Cheney, Fairfield, Latah, Liberty Lake, Medical Lake, Millwood, Rockford, Spangle, and Spokane Valley.

Members of the community who wish to apply for rental and utility assistance need to visit the Spokane Resource Center's website to review the application process: spokaneresourcecenter.org/covid-19/housing. For food assistance, you can find the mobile foodbank schedule at spokanevalleypartners.org.

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