

# Housing and Essential Needs (HEN)



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## HEN Overview

State program/ funded (WA State Department of Commerce to Whatcom County)

Eligibility determined through Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)

Program for people who have temporary or permanent disabilities and are unable to work

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## HEN scope:

Limited rent and utility assistance

Assistance with move-in costs (deposits, application fees, administrative fees)

Housing Case Management

### Essential Needs:

Personal health and hygiene items

Household cleaning supplies

Transportation assistance

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2021-22 program year

## Targets and Outcomes

- 193 clients served with rent and utility assistance
- 233 clients served with essential needs
- 20 clients prevented from evictions with rent assistance
- 29 clients re-housed from homelessness with HEN assistance

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## Targets and Outcomes continued

- 63 clients exited
  - Rental housing: 46
  - Institution: 5
  - Hotel/motel: 1
  - Friends/family: 2
  - Deceased: 1
  - Homelessness: 0
  - Exited program without notification: 8