

Appendix 1 to PR-15-2: Final Public Comment

Public Comments and Responses
 2021 Annual Action Plan
 Public Hearing, April 6, 2021
 30-Day Public Comment Period -
 March 25, 2021, through April 23, 2021

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1	<p>Mr. Steve McGraw: Homage Senior Services has collaborated with Snohomish County for many years to assist our senior population and adults living with a disability, to live independently and with dignity in their homes. This partnership not only provides necessary resources to some of our most vulnerable community members; our services and programs help keep these families safe in their homes, while maintaining their affordability.</p> <p>One way to increase affordable housing options is with public service programs, such as Homage Home Repair. Offering needed home repairs for these low-income residents not only sustains the integrity of the existing stock, but also mitigates the need to create costlier new housing and keeps existing housing affordable.</p> <p>Additionally, CDBG funding can assist low-income community members, like our clients, with services that address food insecurity, mental health issue and general health and well-being. Our meal programs alone help seniors and people with disabilities across the county by providing access to food and chance to connect to their community.</p> <p>Our partnership with Snohomish County, allows us to be able to help our clients stay proactive in maintaining their health and independence. Through our nutrition programs, social service programs, and our health and wellness programs we assist</p>	<p>The County thanks Mr. McGraw for his comments and acknowledges the need for more resources to maintain existing affordable housing and to provide essential programs for vulnerable populations.</p> <p>The 2021 Annual Action Plan includes proposed funding for two Homage Senior Services programs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Homeowner Minor Home Repair: An affordable housing program which provides health and safety repairs to homes owned and-occupied by low-income elderly persons and persons with disabilities. 2. Food and Nutrition Services: A public Service project which provides home delivered meals for home-bound seniors and people with disabilities, and freshly prepared hot meals at nine sites. <p>The County appreciates the many years of partnership and collaboration with Homage Senior Services and values their continued commitment and service to Snohomish County’s most vulnerable populations.</p>

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	<p>community members with reliable transportation for doctor's appointments, congregate meals, even peer counseling. Access to these services is invaluable to the older adults and adults with disabilities in our communities, to allow them to feel connected and valued.</p> <p>The challenges brought on by COVID-19 last year, still remain and continue to highlight the necessity of these vital services for the health and well-being of the clients we serve, as well as the larger community. Homage's partnership with the county will allow us all to work toward providing safe and affordable housing, and access to services that are a critical need in our community.</p>	