**Safety Net, Housing and Poverty Reduction Programs**

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| **Safety Net Programs** | **Mission/About** | **Website/Notes** |
| Housing and Essential Needs(HEN) | “The Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) Referral program provides access to essential needs items and potential rental assistance for low-income individuals who are unable to work for at least 90 days due to a physical and/or mental incapacity.” | <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/community-services-offices/housing-and-essential-needs-hen-referral-program> |
| Aged, Blind, and Disabled (ABD) | “Aged, Blind, or Disabled (ABD) is a state funded program that provides cash assistance and a referral to the Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) program to eligible low-income individuals who are age 65 or older, blind, or determined likely to meet Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability criteria based on an impairment(s) expected to last at least 12 consecutive months.  This program provides maximum monthly cash grant of $197 for a single individual or $248 for a married couple. ABD recipients are also eligible for assistance applying for SSI benefits (SSI Facilitation).” | <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/community-services-offices/aged-blind-or-disabled-abd-cash-assistance-program> |
| Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANIF) | “Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) provides temporary cash for families in need. Some families participate in the WorkFirst Program. The WorkFirst Program helps participants find and keep jobs.” | <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/community-services-offices/tanf-and-support-services> |
| Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) | “Supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) refers to a food assistance program that is administered, at the federal level, by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and was formerly known as the food stamp program. SNAP and other successor programs are identified below as “benefit(s)” “ | <https://dor.wa.gov/get-form-or-publication/publications-subject/tax-topics/food-benefits-under-supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap-or-successor-program> |
| WA Children’s Health Insurance Program (also CHIP) | The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is a non-entitlement program in Washington state. Eligibility is determined using the same rules as Medicaid for children, except with higher income standards. Children who are eligible for Medicaid, or who have any "creditable health coverage", cannot be eligible for CHIP. ("Creditable health coverage" means coverage under a group health plan or other health insurance that provides access to physicians, hospitals, laboratory services, and radiology services). | <https://www.benefits.gov/benefit/1615> |

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| **Housing Programs** | **Mission/About** | **Website/Notes** |
| Washington Low Income Housing Alliance | “The Washington Low Income Housing Alliance leads the movement to ensure that all our residents have the opportunity to thrive in safe, healthy, affordable homes. We do this through advocacy, education, and organizing.” | [**https://www.wliha.org/**](https://www.wliha.org/) |
| Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) | “The Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) Referral program provides access to essential needs items and potential rental assistance for low-income individuals who are unable to work for at least 90 days due to a physical and/or mental incapacity.” | <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/program-index/housing-essential-needs-hen/> |
| Connecting Affordable Housing to Infrastructure Program (CHIP) | “The [Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Program (CHIP)](https://bit.ly/3Fuw0Vh) is in part an effort to support the development of affordable housing in response to a limited supply of adequate or quality units.” | <https://deptofcommerce.app.box.com/s/o2vg3syacav3z4vm1dlr4pql76rb4xoi>  <https://www.psrc.org/whats-happening/blog/connecting-housing-infrastructure-program-chip-grants> |
| WA Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) | “The Low Income Housing Institute develops, owns and operates housing for the benefit of low-income, homeless and formerly homeless people in Washington State; advocates for just housing policies at the local and national levels; and administers a range of supportive service programs to assist those we serve in maintaining stable housing and increasing their self-sufficiency” | <https://lihi.org/> |

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| **Economic/Poverty Reduction Programs** | **Mission/About** | **Website/Notes** |
| Washington Anti-Poverty Advocates Group (WAAG) | Networking/information sharing group. | No website |
| Poverty Reduction Work Group (PRWG) | Governor created, “The group is tasked with developing a strategic plan to reduce poverty, improve communities and make needed progress related to housing, health integration, employment and education.” | <https://www.governor.wa.gov/issues/issues/health-care-human-services/poverty-reduction-work-group>  Formed by Gov Inslee in 2017  PRWG is LEWPRO’s Advisory Committee  Last meeting posted on web is Dec 19, 2019 |
| Legislative Executive WorkFirst and Poverty Reduction Oversight task force (LEWPRO) | Created in state law to coordinate Legislative Branch and Executive Branch actions on poverty reduction, as well as the WorkFirst program | <https://www.governor.wa.gov/issues/issues/health-care-human-services/workfirst-poverty-reduction-task-force>  Membership includes state senators and representatives from both major parties, as well as the Governor’s office and executive branch agencies. Meetings are open to all and well-attended by allied organizations and members of the public.  Rep. Gregerson Dist 33 is co-chair |
| (seven-agency) Human-Centered Poverty Reduction (HCPR) | The HCPR Team works on behalf of LEWPRO and the PRWG to make sure the state agencies follow through and implement program coordination aspects of the LEWPRO and PRWG strategic plans. | <https://dismantlepovertyinwa.com/>  <https://dismantlepovertyinwa.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Poverty-Reduction-Introductory-Handout.pdf> |