



Skagit County Public Health

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Invitation to express interest in operations of Severe Weather Shelter in 2024-2025

Skagit County is seeking organizations that are interested in operating overnight severe weather shelters the winter of 2024-2025. Temporary shelters will open in severe weather to help protect people’s lives from freezing weather conditions. We are specifically seeking shelters that are low barrier, meet requirements for fair housing and disability accommodations, and allow pets if possible. Shelter opening thresholds will be governed by predefined weather thresholds, in consultation with local government and emergency management officials.

Interest letters are due by August 1, 2024, at 4:30 pm and can be submitted to Madeleine Anthony at manthony@co.skagit.wa.us. Letters should include the following information:

- Organization name and contact person.
- Brief summary of planned shelter model including population served (ex. families, youth, adults), shelter capacity, and expected hours of operation when activated.
- Site location and description.
- Estimated funding needs for the season.
- Supplies or other non-financial needs. If Department of Emergency Management/Medial Reserve Corps volunteers or supplies (cots, blankets, sleeping bags) were available, what would you need to operate?

Eligible Costs

Skagit County has set aside funding to support severe weather shelters over the 2024-2025 winter season. We expect this funding to support multiple severe weather shelters in the county. Funding is available on a reimbursement basis. It is difficult to predict exactly how many days of severe weather we will experience, so your funding request could include start-up expenses, ongoing costs like rent (if applicable), and a per night cost estimate when activated. Eligible expenses include:

Start-Up Supplies	- Supplies, food and water, pet supplies, safety equipment, training, marketing
Operations	- Staff salaries/stipends and benefits - Rent or utility expenses

Timeline

Interest Forms Due	August 1, 2024
Review of Interest and Discussions with possible partners	August 8-19, 2024
MOU agreements drafted	September 1, 2024

Contact Information

Questions and completed Interest Forms should be directed to Madeleine Anthony, Housing Resource Coordinator at Skagit County Public Health, by email at manthony@co.skagit.wa.us.