



City Council

Senior Services of South Sound Home Share Program Update

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Receive an update on the Senior Services of South Sound Home Share Program.

Report

Issue:

Whether to receive an Update on the Senior Services of South Sound Home Share Program.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

Rebecca Hutchinson, Home Share Manager, Senior Services for South Sound

Background and Analysis:

On July 9, 2021, the City Council received a request from Senior Services of South Sound for \$27,000 to round out funding for their Home Share Program. On September 21, the City Council approved the request, allocating \$27,000 of their Council goal funds for this program.

The Home Share Program facilitates arrangements where Home Providers offer accommodation to Home Seekers in exchange for an agreed upon level of support in the form of combinations of financial contribution, assistance with household tasks, transportation, or companionship. Home Providers and Home Seekers derive several benefits from home sharing through reduced housing expenses, increased independence, and the ability to age in place.

Senior Services of South Sound secured a full two years of pilot funding from other jurisdictions as well, for to staff the program and gain momentum in the community. The annual budget for the

program Includes 1.5 FTE and associated outreach and administrative expenses \$95,000 per year.

Senior Services of South Sound has received the following support, along with the \$27,000 allocated by Olympia:

- \$95,000 from the City of Lacey for two years.
- \$50,000 from Regional Housing Council starting September 2021 through August 2022
- \$18,000 from Tumwater CDBG for one year starting September 2021.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

Affordable housing and aging in place are of great interest to the Community.

Options:

1. Receive an update on the Senior Services of South Sound Home Share Program.
2. Do not receive an update on the Senior Services of South Sound Home Share Program.
3. Receive an update on the Senior Services of South Sound Home Share Program at another time.

Financial Impact:

In 2021, the City Council allocated \$27,000 in Council Goal funds for the program.

Attachments:

None