Island County CARES

Island County has been awarded funds through the state’s Coronavirus Relief Funds. The funds are available under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") in response to the COVID-19 crisis. In order to qualify for these funds, individuals and families must be impacted by COVID-19.

Island County Board of County Commissioners authorized the use of these funds for the following:

Rent, Mortgage, Utility Assistance: 360-678-8284 (Housing Support Center)

If your household income has decreased as a direct result of COVID-19, and you are in arrears or unable to pay in full the pending rent/mortgage installment you may be eligible for assistance.

Funds will be distributed in the form of rent, mortgage, or utility payments on behalf of households whose primary residence is within Island County.

Documents to verify identity and income and a brief screening to determine program eligibility for this financial assistance must be confirmed before issuing payment on behalf of a household.

Human Services Helpline: 360-678-2346

- Help to access unemployment benefits, available food resources and other basic needs
- Individual, Child and Family behavioral health supports:
  - Addressing mental health and substance use needs through brief services
  - Help in connecting with health care providers, long term counseling, other behavioral health needs

Community education: 360-678-9294

- Support groups for seniors, parents, essential workers, etc.
- Talks/presentations to community organizations and other needs that the community may identify

All programs are short term, ending October 31, 2020.
Please inquire early in order to take advantage of these resources.

All of the above programs can also be easily accessed through our online referral form:
https://www.cognitoforms.com/IslandCounty1/COVID19ReferralForServices