



Human Services Work Report October 2022



Policy, Budget & Public Safety:

Community Human Services Advisory Board (CHSAB)

The CHSAB has been struggling to meet quorum recently. The October 3, 2022, and October 20, 2022, meetings could not be called to order due to a lack of quorum.

On October 25th the City Council approved reducing the board's membership from 11 to 7 members. This action is both to help the board reach quorum and to align the board's membership numbers with other city boards and committees.

In October the City of Monroe has brought Human Services Coordinator, Rachel Adams on board as a full-time city employee. Work is being done now to discover how embedding human services and social work into the organization can help each City department better connect people to the local community support network.

Prevention, Housing, Partners & Support Services:

Family Respite Program



The Hand Up Project has opened a new respite program serving families facing housing insecurity in Monroe. The Hand Up Project is partnering with the St. Vincent de Paul Resource Center.

The Respite Program provides comprehensive wraparound care, including 24-hour security, case management, employment and permanent housing resources, as well as medical and mental health care. The Respite Program is one of the most effective, evidence-based shelters in Washington State. Its aim is to affirm the inherent value of all people – regardless of circumstances. By adopting a holistic approach to care, clients move from housing insecurity towards employment, permanent housing and sustainable independence.

Families, unable to find housing for months and living out of their vehicle, have already been accepted, housed, and are on a path to sustainable independence.

If you would like more information about Monroe's Respite Program, please contact Respite Program Director, Esther Riley, at esther@thehandupproject.org.

For intakes and referrals contact Resource Center Director, Dawnelle Carroll, at Dawnelle@svdpnsc.com.

At this time all Respite Program rooms are filled and there is a waiting list for the program's services. The organizations are working closely to try to secure more rooms and exploring ongoing funding sources for this critical need in the community.

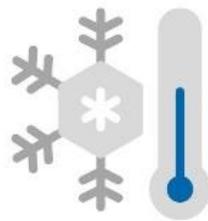


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Monroe Cold Weather Shelter Planning

The Monroe Cold Weather Shelter planning is well under way with VOA as the lead agency for both the Monroe and Snohomish locations. The Monroe shelter will be hosted by New Hope Fellowship. Please contact Lindsay Donovan at 425-349-0380 for information about how to volunteer.



EAST COUNTY COLD WEATHER SHELTERS



NOVEMBER 1 - MARCH 15

when temperatures are forecasted to reach **34° or below**

MONROE

NEW HOPE FELLOWSHIP
CHURCH
1012 W. Main St.

SNOHOMISH

SNOHOMISH EVANGELICAL
FREE CHURCH
210 Avenue B

Shelter Opens 8pm • Must Arrive Before 10pm • Shelter Closes 7am

Need a ride to the Monroe shelter?
Sultan Library shuttle departs at 7:45pm

▼ FIND OUT IF THE SHELTERS ARE OPEN ▼



<https://snohomish-county-public-safety-hub-snocogis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/cold-weather-shelters>



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Monroe This Week Stories

ARP Funds Support Local Veterans October 28, 2022 • Volume 8/Edition 43

In recent editions of *Monroe This Week*, I've shared information about the American Rescue Plan Act funding, and how the City is partnering with local organizations to respond to needs in the community created by the COVID-19 pandemic. This week, I would like to highlight an organization that was awarded funds to implement a program offering unique support services to our Monroe veterans. The Scooter's Place Veterans Program was awarded \$100,000 to support our local veterans and their unique needs. Scooter's Place is a 55-acre facility located just outside the Monroe city limits. The atmosphere there is extraordinarily serene. Executive Director Jeanine Judkins shared that at Scooter's Place they take care of people and horses with special needs. They also strive to be a peaceful escape for the whole family.



Jeanine shared a story about a young man in the Army. He found Scooter's Place and it has helped him reacclimate after trainings and decompress. As he continues trainings and deployments, he also continues to use Scooter's Place to help him transition between service periods and civilian life. The Veterans program is one day a week, with lots of contacts in between to help support clients remaining engaged. The program also offers outlets for veterans to serve together by doing special maintenance projects at the facility.

Thank you, Scooter's Place, for applying for and utilizing these funds to administer this important program. I will continue to share stories of how ARP funds are impacting our community in future issues of *Monroe This Week*.

American Rescue Plan(ARP) Funding Update

The Boys and Girls Club was awarded \$14,975.00 for their Community Connection Initiative which offers affordable or free voucher for a variety of services including childcare, team sports, family nights, teen events and movie nights. They have successfully completed their project and utilized all their ARP round one funding.

The EvergreenHealth Monroe Recovery Center was awarded \$66,000.00 for the detox and residential treatment scholarship bed program for uninsured Monroe residents. The program has produced three successful graduates who are now housed and in aftercare to maintain their sobriety. They have used \$26,328.00 of their ARP round one award and have \$39,672.00 remaining.



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Heather's Hope Communities was awarded \$75,000.00 to begin a pallet shelter program for McKinney Vento families. The program changed directions slightly from providing pallet sheltering to utilizing a group home model. They have not accessed any of their funding from round one yet.

Housing Hope was awarded \$77,433.50 for staff salaries to provide wraparound support to clients enrolled in the Homeless Family Services Program. They have not accessed any of their funding from round two yet.

Miracles and Memories Academy was awarded \$69,025.00 to expand their respite services from focusing on adults with intellectual and physical disabilities to include childcare for at risk children with special needs. They have successfully completed their project and utilized all their ARP round one funding.

Melanie F. Ryan Coaching & Consulting was awarded \$80,000.00 of round two ARP funding for Cultural Change Agent Training in the community. This funding has not yet been utilized.

The Monroe Senior Center was awarded \$7,000.00 to offer additional compensation to their employees for taking extra risk during the height of the covid19 pandemic to provide support to the vulnerable senior community. They have successfully utilized all their ARP round one funding for this purpose.

The Monroe Senior Center was also awarded \$4,200.00 to provide free one-on-one in person counseling sessions to senior Monroe residents. The Monroe Senior Center has utilized \$1765.75 for this project and still has an additional \$2,434.25 remaining of their ARP round one award. Additionally, this project received \$4,200.00 in ARP round two funding.

The Monroe School District was awarded \$14,000.00 to purchase case management software for the Behavioral Health Team. They have not accessed any of their funding from round one yet.

The Monroe Gospel Women's Mission was awarded \$91,600.00 of round two ARP funding for emergency food and shelter, case management and administration. They have not yet accessed any of their funding.

Scooter's Place was awarded \$60,050.00 to make facility improvements, provide services and hire staff for the new Veterans, Emergency Responders Program. Additionally, they received \$44,720.00 to go toward their Adaptive Therapeutic Riding Program from round two. They have successfully utilized all their ARP funding from both rounds for this purpose.

Sherwood Community Services was awarded \$27,750.00 from ARP round two. These funds are designated to expand the Vocational Program in Monroe and to increase awareness of disability services with the Community Inclusion Program. They have not yet accessed any of



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their funding.

St. Vincent de Paul was awarded \$27,500.00 to implement a safe parking program for McKinney Vento Families who have been living in cars. This program would include wrap around case management and steps toward becoming permanently housed. St. Vincent de Paul has utilized \$6,200.00 for this project and still has an additional \$21,300.00 remaining of their ARP round one award. Additionally, St. Vincent de Paul received \$61,500.00 in ARP round two funding to hire a Resource Center Director to provide site management and program support at the Monroe Resource Center. They have not accessed any of their funding from round two yet.

Take the Next Step(TTNS) received \$39,200.00 from ARP round one to host a Ventures Business Basics Training Course including an eight-week course, \$25,000.00 in start up capital grants for program graduates. They have been reimbursed for \$5,556.01 and have \$33,643.99 left to fund this program.

TTNS also received \$2,000.00 for laundry vouchers from ARP round one. \$821.54 has been reimbursed to date and \$1,178.46 remains accessible for this program.

TTNS received \$15,000.00 from ARP round one to maintain their service levels and support Resource Center staffing. They have accessed and utilized all of the ARP funding for this purpose.

TTNS was additionally awarded \$30,000.00 to facilitate mental health group classes. To date they have utilized \$3,000.00 and have \$27,000.00 remaining of this round one award. In ARP round two they were awarded \$63,000.00 for mental health services. They have not accessed any of their funding from round two yet.

TTNS also was awarded \$12,000.00 to facilitate sponsoring youth sports scholarships. They have not utilized any of this round one funding yet.

The Hand Up Project was awarded \$207,997.00 from ARP round two. These funds are designated to implement a Respite Program in Monroe for McKinney Vento Families. To date they have not accessed any of the available funding.

Volunteers of America was awarded \$75,00.00 to operate the new Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) in Monroe. ECEAP serves very low-income families by providing access to preschool and kindergarten along with wraparound services. They have not utilized any of their round one funding yet.

The YMCA of Snohomish County was awarded \$34,775.00 to increase childcare staff retention and hire a bilingual Teen and Family Coordinator. They have accessed and utilized all of the ARP funding for this purpose.



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Local Human Service Events Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	211 East County Navigator at TTNS					
	Sky Valley Foodbank 3pm-5pm		Sky Valley Foodbank 9am-11am			
TTNS Outreach Team		TTNS Outreach Team	MPD Outreach Team	TTNS Outreach Team		
	Food Event (Teens) 12:30pm-5:30pm at the SVDP Community Resource Center	Hot Food Event 12pm-1pm at the Library	Hot Food Event 12pm-1pm at the Library	Food Event (Teens) 12:30pm-5:30pm at the SVDP Community Resource Center	Hot Food at New Hope Fellowship Church 9am-10am	
		TTNS Community Dinner			Feed My Sheep at New Hope Fellowship 9am-10am	
	Food Share 9:30am at The Library	Food Gleanings 2pm-4pm at The Rock Church	Grocery Distribution at French Creek Manor 2pm-4pm	Food Gleanings 4pm-6pm at The Rock Church	Food Gleaning 9:30am- 11am at Foothills Foursquare Church	
VOA Showers 2pm-6pm		VOA Showers 2pm-6pm				

Christmas Collaborations

Our local service providers are coordinating Holiday Events to support each other in collecting and distributing items to families in need.

Organizations	Contact	Date	Who it is for	Method	Collaboration Offer	Collaboration Need
Sky Valley Food Bank & Kaci's Big Heart Big Smile	Joni Edelbrock Joni@bigheartbigsmile.org Matthew Campbell matt@svfoodbank.org	Collection Event 11/5/22 12/17/22	No income requirements but for Monroe residents only	Shopping event at the Fairgrounds		
Housing Hope	Chris Gray cm.gray@frontier.com		Clients	Doing a toy drive		
Take the Next Step	Sarah Lunstrum sarah@ttns.org		Existing Clients/Families	Family sponsorships		
Cascade Community Church & MSD	Kimberly Clem kimberly.clem@cascadechurch.org Kathy Jackson jacksonka@monroe.wednet.edu		School District	Family sponsorships	Collection site	
Monroe Police Department	Derrick Lether dlether@monroewa.gov Gaby Escalante gescalante@ci.monroe.wa.us		Toys for Tots			
Monroe Police Department	Derrick Lether dlether@monroewa.gov Gaby Escalante gescalante@ci.monroe.wa.us			Shop with a Cop		
YMCA	Gina Casagrande gcasagrande@ymca-snoco.org		Members on financial assistance scholarships	Collection site	Collection site	
SVDP	Dawnelle Carroll dawnelle@svdpnsc.com					
SVDP Resource Center	Dawnelle Carroll dawnelle@svdpnsc.com		Anyone	Toy give away and sign up		First Year - Collaborators

						& Connections
Roger Evans & Project Love	Roger Evans rogerdevans372005@gmail.com	12/17/2022 1pm-3pm	Homeless	Shopping event & dinner at New Hope Fellowship		Donations
Stars Unlimited	Jason Waltman jwalt20.lifechurch@gmail.com		Anyone	Christmas event		

2022 HPAC Recommendations Action Plan – Gantt Map Chart

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remain housed, financial training, and incentives for businesses to hire employees with entry level skills, information about mental and behavioral health services.												
Work with Monroe Public School’s Foundation to develop and promote annual “resource fair” set up like a vendor show.								X	X			
Facilitate East County Coordinated Entry in partnership with VOA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Establish and implement 2022 HS Budget Grant funding process with CHSAB	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Determine Strategic Goals	X											
Determine Criteria	X											
Release Application		O	X	X				X				
Review Applicants					X	X			X			
Recommend Awards						X	X			X		
C. Prevention												
Develop education and outreach communication plan about services	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		
Poverty 101 Trainings												
Crisis Response Trainings									O	O		
Work with McKinney-Vento Family Liaisons and Monroe Public Schools Foundation in the Monroe School District to connect families with resources.	X	X	X	X	X				X	X		
D. Public Safety												
Explore Mobile Mental Health Response Program	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Explore Fee Revenue – <i>City Court Assessment</i>								O	O	O		
E. Support Services												

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Explore Shared Database System		O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O		
Establish Family Resource Center	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Coordinate more Mental Health Clinicians for Adults	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Coordinate more SUD Clinicians			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Establish Metrics and Tracking – <i>Needs Assessment</i>										O		
F. Policy & Budget												
Define 2023 Work Plan, Priorities, and implementation Model									O	O	X	
Identify performance measures to encourage future funding and show success. – <i>Needs Assessment</i>										O	O	
Lobby for changes to State and Federal law	X	X	X	X								
Continue CHSAB as a standing committee	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Explore 1/10 of 1% tax	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Identify budget enhancement needs and funding opportunities						X	X	X	X			
Evaluate Program									X	X		