



Expand & Enhance Access to Social Care Funding Opportunity

Building capacity with Olympic Connect to address the needs of the region.



How Olympic Connect Strengthens the Region's Social Care Infrastructure

- The Expand & Enhance Access to Social Care funding opportunity was launched in December 2024 and represents an important but less visible component of Olympic Connect.
- Beyond providing care coordination, Olympic Community of Health also invests in growing the region's infrastructure and capacity so community partners can better meet top social needs including financial stability, housing, food access, utility assistance, and employment.



Funding Overview



Through funding granted by the Washington State Department of Health, Olympic Community of Health invested \$819,400 into the expansion of resources and services across Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap counties. From December 2024 to December 2025, the Expand & Enhance Access to Social Care funding opportunity supported the development of new services, built the capacity of existing programs, and supported partner-led innovation and collaboration. Of the 46 project proposals received, seven were funded:

Clallam County

Peninsula Behavioral Health

- \$250,000
- North View permanent supportive housing

Olympic Peninsula Community Clinic

- \$150,000
- Medical respite

Port Angeles Food Bank

- \$100,000
- Mobile Food Bank

Jefferson County

Jefferson County Farmer's Market

- \$44,000
- Senior Farmers Market Nutrition benefit
- (Clallam & Jefferson)

Discovery Behavioral Healthcare

- \$120,000
- Day treatment, partial hospitalization for substance use disorder

Kitsap County

North Kitsap Fishline

- \$78,000
- Mobile food pantry

South Kitsap Helpline

- \$77,400
- Medically tailored meals for chronic health conditions



Peninsula Behavioral Health – North View Supportive Housing Clallam County | \$250,000

- **Project Overview:** A 36-unit Permanent Supportive Housing development for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness, disabilities, mental health challenges, or SUD.
- **Key Successes:**
 - Construction is on track for May 2026 completion.
 - Exterior framing, roofing, and major utilities completed; interior work underway since fall 2025.
 - Project structured with a robust 15-year pro forma ensuring long-term financial stability.
- **Sustainability & Next Steps:**
 - Operational sustainability supported by rental income and service funding.
 - Next steps include furnishing units and preparing a trauma-informed move-in process.
 - A public open house and ribbon-cutting event are planned.



Northview Groundbreaking Ceremony



Olympic Peninsula Community Clinic - Medical Respite Clallam County | \$150,000

- **Project Overview:** A medical respite program for community members who are medically fragile and unhoused, allowing recovery in a safe, supportive environment.
- **Key Successes:**
 - Served 13 individuals between July–December; maintained full occupancy.
 - Demonstrated successful transitions with robust individual success stories.
 - Progressed significantly toward contracts with Community Health Plan of Washington and Molina to use 1115 waiver funds.
 - Provided expertise to help support a new respite program in Everett.
- **Sustainability & Next Steps:**
 - Anticipate Managed Care Organization contracts will cover full operating costs.
 - Also exploring Foundational Community Supports reimbursement.
 - Considering whether a larger facility is needed based on demand.



Port Angeles Food Bank – Mobile Market Clallam County | \$100,000

- **Project Overview:** Expansion of mobile food distribution through a retrofitted van and increased community routes.
- **Key Successes:**
 - Retrofit completed with solar power, refrigeration, insulation, and weather protection.
 - Received a second gifted vehicle to expand capacity.
 - Increased service at the Senior Center to twice weekly.
 - Partnered with Clallam Resilience for a 2-day Nourishing Hope event.
- **Sustainability & Next Steps:**
 - Retrofit significantly reduces ongoing costs.
 - Seeking funding for staffing and food purchasing.
 - Planning expansion into Forks, Neah Bay, Clallam Bay, and La Push, with two van operations running.





Discovery Behavioral Healthcare - Partial Hospitalization Program Jefferson County | \$120,000

- **Project Overview:** A higher-intensity substance use disorder treatment option designed to stabilize clients, provide structure, and prevent the need for residential placement.
- **Key Successes:**
 - Clients consistently demonstrated 30 days of consecutive sobriety and were able to transition to a lower level of care.
 - Integrated a mindfulness-based Dialectical Behavior Therapy group to support mental health.
 - All clients connected to a primary care provider; all placed on dental waitlists, with urgent needs addressed.
- **Sustainability & Next Steps:**
 - Sustainability remains challenging because Medicaid does not yet reimburse this service level. Exploring Opioid Settlement funds, Criminal Justice Treatment Account billing, and insurance coverage pathways.
 - Continuing a modified version of the program while building the case for long-term funding.

“Partial hospital programming is the structure outlining my sobriety”
-PHP participant

“I feel good about coming to PHP cause it does help me not just with my addiction but with my other struggles in life. I enjoy working with the ladies who do PHP. I also enjoy working with the other clients cause they also help give advice. I enjoy the different groups we have throughout the week”
-PHP participant



Jefferson County Farmer's Market - Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program Jefferson & Clallam County | \$44,000

- **Project Overview:** Expansion of senior enrollment and access to the USDA Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program across Clallam and Jefferson counties.
- **Key Successes:**
 - Served 1,250 senior households, providing \$100,000 in fresh produce buying power.
 - Achieved a 23% increase in seniors served compared to 2024.
 - Trained eight Senior Food Access Ambassadors to support outreach across food banks, housing sites, and the Makah Nation.
 - Implemented twice-monthly food share boxes for home-bound and low-mobility seniors.
- **Sustainability & Next Steps:**
 - USDA SFMNP funding is confirmed for 2026, and a small grant supports staffing.
 - Focusing distribution efforts in 2026 toward communities without farmers markets and begin early outreach in May.





Fishline - Mobile Food Pantry

Kitsap County | \$78,000

- **Project Overview:** A mobile food market designed to bring healthy food directly into neighborhoods across North Kitsap.
- **Key Successes:**
 - Completed truck design and secured delivery for early 2026. Established six regular community stops and launched a webpage with the service calendar.
 - Secured food sources to ensure the truck can operate at scale.
- **Sustainability & Next Steps:**
 - Additional grants already secured for staffing and food for the next two years.
 - QR codes linking to schedules and donations embedded into the truck design.
 - Preparing for a launch event, community postcards, and participation in Poulsbo's Viking Fest parade.



South Kitsap Helpline - Medically Tailored Food Box Program Kitsap County | \$77,400

- **Project Overview:** South Kitsap Fishline partnered with the Virginia Mason Franciscan Health clinic in Port Orchard to provide medically tailored food boxes for patients with chronic health conditions.
- **Key Successes:**
 - Transitioned to a new building with a market-style layout that improved the shopper experience.
 - Strengthened partnerships with Virginia Mason Franciscan Health clinics.
 - Program has served as an entry point, improving access to ongoing food support and other services.
- **Sustainability & Next Steps:**
 - Exploring expansion of clinic partnerships across Kitsap County.
 - Awaiting final data from Virginia Mason Franciscan Health Clinics



Growing Regional Capacity Through Olympic Connect

- Together, these partner-led projects expanded access to food, housing, behavioral health supports, and medical respite and reinforced the region's social care infrastructure.
- Olympic Connect continues to move this work forward through the development of future funding opportunities to build infrastructure for services aimed at addressing Health Related Social Needs, launching employment support programs, and connecting community members to the care and support they need to thrive.
- This work was made possible by the partners whose innovation and dedication to serving their communities continue to expand and enhance access to social care for those who need it most. OCH extends deep gratitude and appreciation for their continued collaboration.



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