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EDMONDS TAKES MAJOR STEP FORWARD TO HELP COMMUNITY'S MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS

Application for Grants Available Now as well as Fundraising Platform

(Edmonds, WA) - The City of Edmonds moves forward with an effort to help our most vulnerable residents. Today, the City named the two organizations tapped to help disburse the \$100,000 Housing and Supplementary Relief Fund approved by the Edmonds City Council in April.

"I am grateful the Council supported this important effort early on in this pandemic. It has allowed us to move forward quickly," said Edmonds Mayor Mike Nelson. "I am pleased we're announcing that you can apply for assistance right now."

After a competitive process and review of proposals, the City chose Wellspring Family Services, whose President and CEO Heather Fitzpatrick and the agency's COO both live in Edmonds. The City also chose Kids in Transition which provides housing assistance, food, household supplies and other assistance to homeless families and/or families facing homelessness in the Edmonds School District.

The grants of up to \$1000 will go to households earning no more than 60 percent of the Snohomish Median Income and in need of assistance with housing and/or household expenses which includes food, medical care, car repair, rent, and mortgages.

"It may seem like Phase 2 means recovery is right around the corner. That is not the case for many residents," said Councilmember Luke Distelhorst who championed the program on the City Council. "It will take time to bounce back from lost wages and increased expenses due to this pandemic. We hope this program supports our Edmonds neighbors."

Next Steps

On Tuesday, June 9, the application portal is live and accessible at <https://wellspringfs.org/edmonds>.

Qualifying criteria include individuals and households with an annual income less than:

- 5-person household: \$67,262
- 4-person household: \$62,280
- 3-person household: \$56,052
- 2-person household: \$49,824
- 1-person household: \$43,596

Applications are open until June 18, 2020 at 5pm. We hope to disburse funds by the first part of July.

“At a time like this, it is good to know that there are people who care,” stated Wellspring CEO Heather Fitzpatrick. “Families are facing the fear of homelessness, right now. And there are trustworthy organizations and partnerships that can help them. I count it an honor to be able to partner with the City of Edmonds and Washington Kids in Transition in order to help support Edmonds residents in this time of crisis.”

The City is also pleased to inform the public that Wellspring has developed a way to increase the impact of this program by setting up a fundraising platform that allows people to make a charitable, tax-deductible donation to grow this relief fund. This online platform may be found at <https://give.wellspringfs.org/edmonds>.

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