

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

Bellingham Vet Center, 3800 Byron Ave., Suite 124, Bellingham, WA 98229

Phone: (360) 733-9226, after hours (877) 927-8387, Web:

<http://www.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?ID=5104>

Hrs. M: 8am-4:30pm, T-F: 8am-6pm, Sat.: 10am to 6pm, Sun: closed. Provides veteran information, claims assistance, mental health counseling for combat Vets. Veterans Service Officer (VSO) available to help with disability claims.

Blaine Community Assistance Program, Christ Episcopal Church, 382 Boblett Street, Blaine, WA 98230

Phone: (360) 392-8484 message line, Web: <http://blainecap.org/>

Hrs. M-F Serves Blaine, Birch Bay, Custer and Pt. Roberts. Emergency assistance for utilities, food, gas and prescription assistance or other crisis need. Leave a message and your call will be returned. Assistance provided in the form of vouchers.

Blue Skies for Children, 2505 Cedarwood Ave., Suite 5, Bellingham, WA 98225

Phone: (360) 756-6710, Web: <http://www.blueskiesforchildren.org/>

Hrs. M-Th: 10am-4pm. Serves homeless, foster and low-income children ages 6-18. Financial support for enrichment programs (lessons and activities), musical instruments loans, shoes (Apr/May), Backpacks (Aug/Sept), warm clothing (Oct/Nov), Driver's Education scholarships, and other requests.

CLEAR (Coordinated Legal Education, Advice and Referral),

Phone: 1-888-201-1014, 1-888-201-9737 (TTY), Seniors (60+yrs) 1-888-387-7111, Web:

<https://nwjustice.org/get-legal-help>

Hrs. M-F: 9:15am-12:15pm. NW Justice Project's phone service for eligible low income people to obtain free legal assistance with civil legal problems. Available to all seniors. For an online application to CLEAR, visit <https://nwjustice.org/apply-online>

ClearPoint Credit Counseling Solutions, Money Management International, 6100 219th St. S.W. Ste. 480, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043

Phone: (713) 394-3232, Toll Free: (800) 750-2227, Web: <https://www.clearpoint.org>

Hrs. M-F: 7am-11pm Sat: 8am-8pm. (Eastern Time) Assists with financial concerns through free effective counseling, education and advocacy. Program includes work with a specialist for debt reduction, bankruptcy counseling, and homeowners assistance by phone, online, or in person. Many services are free, others at a low cost.

DSHS - Community Services Office, 4101 Meridian St., Bellingham, WA 98226

Phone: 1-877-501-2233, TTY 1-800-209-5446, Web: <http://www.dshs.wa.gov/>

Hrs. M-F: 8am-5pm. Provides multiple program services (TANF, Basic Food, Medical, WorkFirst)

Helping Hand South Whidbey, 18341 State Route 525, Freeland, WA

Phone: 360-221-7777, Web: <http://helpinghandofsouthwhidbey.org/>

Hrs: M-F 9am-12pm. Provides immediate financial assistance to residents of South Whidbey when basic

services of life and well-being are in danger of being discontinued, and makes referrals for longer-term assistance.

Hillcrest Chapel , 1400 Larrabee, Bellingham, WA 98225

Phone: (360) 733-8400

Hrs. M-Th: 9am-4pm. Fri by Appointment. Emergency financial assistance for gas vouchers, food, utilities, and other emergency needs. Rental assistance not available. Call for information.

Hope House Financial Assistance, 207 Kentucky St. (in parking lot in back of church), Bellingham, WA 98225

Phone: (360) 733-1380, Web: <http://www.assumption.org/>

Located at Hope House (207 Kentucky St) Temporary location in parking lot behind church while new Hope House is built. Temporary Hrs: Financial assistance, Wed 9am-11am. Assistance on a first come, first served basis. Can provide assistance with gas vouchers, energy and water bill assistance, assistance with rental application fees, help with ID and birth certificate, WTA bus coupons, limited prescription aid. They do not provide vouchers for food, clothing, or motels. Do not help with medical, veterinary, or car repairs. Available to Whatcom County residents.

Kinship Care Support Program-Opportunity Council, 1111 Cornwall Ave., Bellingham, WA 98225

Phone: (360) 734-5121 ext. 217, Web: <http://www.opcco.org/>

Hrs. M-F 8am-5pm. Provides short term services to eligible Kinship Caregivers who are experiencing financial hardship regarding their ability to provide care for their relative children.

Law Advocates Disability Benefits Advocacy Program, , Bellingham, WA 98227

Phone: (360) 671-6079 ext. 22, no office drop-ins, Web: <http://www.lawadvocates.org/homeless-disability-benefits>

Assistance for homeless disabled persons with application to Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability (SSDI) and State disability programs. TUESDAY: Located at Lighthouse Mission at 12:30p WEDNESDAY: Located at Maple Alley Inn at 12p

Love INC. , Bellingham, WA 98227

Phone: (360) 671-6201, Web: <http://www.whatcomloveinc.org/>

Hrs: M-Th 9am-1pm. Services include budget counseling, furniture program, relational support, transportation to medical appointments with two-week advance notice, small home repair, bus pass and food voucher. Limited financial resources include prescription co-pays, back to work needs (such as work boots) and transportation funding for those who are homeless and moving into housing or a person escaping DV situation

Opportunity Council Energy Assistance Program, 1111 Cornwall Ave, Bellingham, WA 98225

Phone: (360) 255-2192 , Web: <http://www.oppco.org/energy-assistance-program/>

Hrs. M-Th 9am-12pm and 1-4pm, F 9am-12pm. Energy Assistance programs to help eligible households with grants to help pay heating and energy bills. Emergency furnace repair for homeowners available through the federal Low Income Home and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Referrals made to the Weatherization and Home Repair Loan Programs. Weatherization Plus Health and Energy Conservation Education Programs.

Peace Health Patient Financial Assistance, 2901 Squalicum Parkway, Bellingham, WA 98225

Phone: (877) 202-3597, Web: <https://www.peacehealth.org/financial-assistance>

Provides emergent, medically necessary and some preventative pre-authorized services at reduced cost or without charge when payment cannot be obtained through all other available financial resources. Limited to patients at PeaceHealth facilities.

Skagit County Community Action Agency, 330 Pacific Place, Mt. Vernon, WA 98273

Phone: (360) 416-7585, Web: <https://communityactionskagit.org>

Hrs. M-F: 8:30am-5pm. Provides information & services for low-income families in Skagit County. Energy Assistance, WIC, family support, veterans' services,, employment services, legal aid, and housing resources.

Social Security Office, 710 Alabama St, Bellingham, WA 98225

Phone: 1-800-772-1213, Web: <http://www.ssa.gov/>

Hrs. M,T,Th,F:9am-4pm. W:9am-12pm. Application to Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, Social Security Disability and information on programs.

St Paul's Episcopal Church Alms Ministry, 2117 Walnut St., Bellingham, WA 98225

Phone: (360) 733-2890

Hrs. Tuesday 9-10am in room #113 Emergency financial assistance for transportation, food, utilities, and other emergency needs.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI), 710 Alabama Street, Bellingham, WA 98225

Phone: (360) 738-3952, 1-800-772-1213, Web: <http://www.ssa.gov/>

Hrs. M,T,Th,F:9am-4pm. W:9am-12pm. Income for the blind, disabled, or 65 and older on little or no income.

Tax Aide, 210 Central Ave. (Bellingham Public Library), Bellingham, WA 98225

Phone: , Web: <https://www.bellinghampubliclibrary.org/using-the-library/research-learn/tax-information>

Free tax filing help from late Jan/early February through mid April at the Bellingham Central Library. See website for details.

The Whatcom Dream, 2303 Moore St., Bellingham, WA 98229

Phone: (360) 319-3759, Web: <http://thewhatcomdream.org/>

Create poverty reducing pathways for Whatcom County residents to discover their dreams and achieve their full potential. Provides financial literacy classes. Classes meet once a week for a ten week period and cover:

Values, Budgeting, Goal Setting, Banking, Debt Reduction, Credit Repair, Consumerism, Insurance, Transportation, Home Ownership, Retirement and Investing.

Whatcom County Veterans Assistance Program, 509 Girard Street, Lower Level, Bellingham, WA 98225

Phone: (360) 778-6050, Web: <http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us/866/Veterans-Program>

Hrs. M-F 8:30am-12pm, 1:30pm-4pm. Information on available services for Veterans; VA claims, family benefits, rent, utilities, food, medical.

Whatcom Financial Services, 1706 Front St. #792, Lynden, WA 98264

Phone: (360) 676-1848 fax (360) 671-1636

Hrs. M-Th: 9:00am-5pm. Payee services for those required to have payee by Social Security