



# Veterans Advisory Board



The purpose and establishment of the Veteran's Advisory Board is to advise the Board of County Commissioners on the needs of local indigent veterans, the resources available to local indigent veterans, and the programs that could benefit the needs of local indigent veterans and their families.

## BOARD MEETING

**DATE:** April 12, 2023

**TIME:** 5:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Olympic College, Building 11, Room 117

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Topic: Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting

Meeting ID: 834 6002 9859

Passcode: 116863

Phone: 1-253-215-8782

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## A G E N D A

\* = Action Item

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| 1. Call to Order  | Rick Raymond   |
| 2. Online Announcement  | Jayme DeGooyer |
| 3. Welcome to attendees and new board members.  | Jayme DeGooyer |
| 4. Introduction of Attendees  | Rick Raymond   |
| 5. Approval of Agenda*  | Jayme DeGooyer |
| 6. Approval of March 8, 2023, VAB Minutes*  | Jayme DeGooyer |
| 7. Guest Speaker –  |                |
| a. Lynn Jabs, Vice President, Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals (VAREP), Tacoma, WA Chapter. Lynn will be discussing her organization, their advocacy priorities, and several initiatives VAREP has sponsored to house veterans and their families. |                |
| 8. Reports  |                |
| a. Veterans Assistance Fund Reports   | Rick Becker    |
| b. Committee Reports.   |                |

Topic	VAB Member
Aging Veterans Services	Vacant

<b>Housing and Homelessness</b>	Branden Davis
<b>Public Affairs and Social Media</b>	Brian Davis
<b>Special Event VAB Support -</b> a. Veterans Day b. Military Appreciation Day c. Stand Downs d. Run to Tahoma e. other events approved by the board.	Peggy Roy
<b>Veteran Education</b>	Tatiane Simmons
<b>Veteran Health Care</b>	Peggy Roy
<b>Veteran Mental Health Plans and Programs</b>	Rick Raymond
<b>Veterans Garden</b>	George Holden
<b>Women's Veteran Services</b>	Jayme DeGooyer

9. Old Business:

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| a. Policy and Procedure review update   | Rick Becker |
| b. VAB Member vacancies and recruiting. |             |

10. New Business

Topic	VAB Member
a.	Jayme DeGooyer

11. Public Comments

12. Good of the Order/Announcements

13. Next Meeting – May 10, 2023, 1730, Olympic College, Building 11, Room 117.

14. Adjourn

## VAB Events 2023

January TBD – Begin Run to Tahoma planning meetings.  
January 11 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting

February 8 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting

March 4 - Military Appreciation Day, Kitsap County Fairgrounds Pavilion  
March 11 – Veteran Garden Prep – Blueberry Park, Bremerton 11am-1pm.  
March 8 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting  
March 28 - Veteran Garden Prep - Blueberry Park, Bremerton 3pm to 5pm.

April 8<sup>th</sup> – Garden Planting 10AM -12PM  
April 12 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting  
April 22 – Spring Stand Down, Sheridan Park Community Center 9am-2pm.  
April 25<sup>th</sup> – Garden Planting 5PM - 7PM

May 10 – 1730, VAB monthly meeting  
May 26 – The Unforgotten, Run to Tahoma; transfer Veteran remains  
from Coroner to County Admin Building  
May 27 – 1000, The Unforgotten, Run to Tahoma  
June TBD – Veteran  
Garden Working Party

June 7 – 1730, VAB monthly meeting

July TBD – 1000 – 1200, Veteran's Garden Working Party  
July 12 – 1730, VAB monthly Meeting

August TBD – Veterans Garden Working Party  
August 9 – 1730, B monthly  
meeting

September 13 – 1730, VAB Monthly Meeting  
September 10 – 1830- 2000; World Suicide Prevention  
September 23 – Fall Stand Down; 1000 – 1400 (set up, vet registration, and  
tear down)

October TBD – Veterans Garden Working Party  
October 10 – 1730 VAB monthly meeting

November 4 – 0900 – 1400, VAB Retreat (no monthly meeting)  
November 11, Veterans Day

December 13 – 1730, VAB monthly meeting

January 10, 2024 – 1730, VAB monthly meeting  
January 2024 – Begin Run to Tahoma planning

**MINUTES OF THE  
KITSAP COUNTY VETERAN'S ADVISORY BOARD  
March 8, 2023  
In-Person and Online Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was conducted at Olympic College and called to order by Rick Raymond at 5:30 PM. Access was available to members and the community through Zoom.

**Announcements:** The Chair, Jayme DeGooyer, read the required on-line announcement covering the conduct of voting members and guests during the meeting.

**Introductions:** Rick Raymond led introductions of board members and other attendees.

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Approval of minutes:** The February minutes were reviewed by members. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Speakers:** Ms. Maria Dozeman, representing Puget Sound Energy delivered a presentation covering a variety of programs that are available to qualified community members who may be struggling to pay utility bills. Eligibility for many of the programs are income based. Kitsap Community Resources is the primary point of contact for utility bill help in Kitsap County, but Maria mentioned that there is an initiative underway that may bring administration of these assistance programs under PSE in the future, perhaps some time in 2024. A copy of the presentation is attached. Maria will be conducting more outreach events in the weeks to come.

Mr. David Puente, Director of the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA), discussed the many programs available to veterans in the state. He emphasized the value of certified Veteran Service Officers in the state who undergo specialized training that helps assure disability claims filed with the VA are thoroughly prepared and quickly adjudicated by the Veterans Administration. He noted the average veteran in Kitsap County is receiving about \$200 dollars per month less than the average veteran in the state. He attributes this difference in part to the quality of the applications that are filed by certified VSOs throughout the state in those counties that have them.

**Reports:**

- a. Veterans Assistance Fund (VAF). Rick Becker commented that monthly expenditures are running behind the same period last year. This is in part due to Garry Hughes catching up on requests that were submitted during his absence. Rick will monitor future expenditures and veteran demand.
- b. Committee Reports.
  - **Aging Veterans Services.** Jayme DeGooyer noted the position is vacant and asked members to contact her to volunteer to keep the VAB informed about community services that can assist our veterans over the age of 60.
  - **Housing and Homelessness.** Branden Davis announced he is in the midst of applying for funding grants for his transitional housing project.
  - **Public Affairs and Social Media.** Input from members for the Facebook page is always welcome. It is a good place to post announcements for veteran plans and programs.
  - **Special Event Support.** Peggy Roy commented that Stand Down and Run to Tahoma planning is progressing well. Volunteers are needed to staff the registration desk at the

Stand Down as has been done by the VAB at previous events. VAB members are asked to be available for the Stand Down between 10am and 2pm on 22 April. Rick Becker thanks members for supporting the Military Appreciation Day event. The VAB table saw many visitors and members had a good opportunity to meet other community service providers. Event organizers estimate about 3,000 people attended the event.

- **Veteran Education.** No report this month.
- **Veteran Health Care.** The Silverdale VA clinic is hiring new staff which may allow for more enrollment. Call (360) 307-6920 to inquire about future enrollment opportunities.
- **Veteran Mental Health Plans and Programs.** Rick Raymond reported that planning is underway for an event on 10 September and that he is collaborating with others in the county on a variety of suicide prevention initiatives.
- **Veterans Garden.** George Holden reported that the Veterans Garden has been assigned plot 38 at the Blueberry Park P-Patch in Bremerton. The park is located on Sylvan Way and is close to bus transportation. Work parties are planned to prepare the garden for planting on 11 and 28 March. Reach out to George if you have questions. A flier is attached.
- **Women's Resource Group.** Jayme is working on inventory and is prepared to participate in the April Stand Down at Sheridan Community Center in Bremerton on 22 April.

**Old Business:**

- a. Policy and Procedure Review. Rick Becker noted he has nothing new to report

**New Business:**

- a. Jayme DeGooyer announced that two VAB board candidates were interviewed recently and were recommended to the Board of Commissioners for appointment. Those candidates are Bill Martin and Carlos Trujillo. The candidates will be presented to the commissioners at the BOCC meeting at 5:30 on 27 March held at the County Administration Building. All VAB members are invited to attend. The VAB now has one unfilled position. Rebecca Pirtle is recruiting. VAB members can refer interested community members to Rebecca for details.

**Good of the Order/Announcements:** No announcements.

**Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

**Next meeting:** The next Veterans Advisory Board meeting will be April 12, 2023, at 5:30 pm. The in-person meeting will be held at Olympic College in Building 11, Room 117. A link allowing online access to the meeting will be sent out at a later date. For community members: Agenda packets for past and future meetings can be found at <https://www.kitsapgov.com/hs/Pages/VAB-ADVISORY-BOARD.aspx>

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Task Tracker			
Date	Name	Task and Goal for Completion	Progress
1/11/23	Rick Becker	Policy and Procedures Review	Awaiting board member feedback.

**\*ATTENDANCE:**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>GUESTS</b>	<b>STAFF</b>
<u>Present</u> Peggy Roy (I) Tatiane Simons (Z) Jayme DeGooyer (Z) Harry Gilger (I) Richard Raymond (I) Dan Piper (I) Bob Theal (I) Branden Davis (I) Mark Lowe (I) George Holden (I)  <u>Absent / Excused</u> Brian Davis (E) Joe Kochera () Joel Atteberry ()	David Puente, Director WDVA Nicole Roger Melissa Troy, PSE Maria Dozeman, PSE	Sonya Miles (Z) Rick Becker (I)
*Note: (I) = In-Person (Z) = Zoom (E) = Excused		

## 2023 Veterans Relief Fund Budget

As of March 31, 2023

Account #	Account Title	Budget	Year to Date	Percent	Balance
	Beginning Fund Balance	-	300,000.00		
<b>Current Revenue</b>					
3110.10	Real & Personal Property	650,000.00	57,331.26	8.8%	592,668.74
3610.11	Investment Interest	2,000.00	529.58	26.5%	1,470.42
3000	Other Revenue	2,700.00	517.70	19.2%	2,182.30
	<b>Revenue total</b>	<b>654,700.00</b>	<b>58,378.54</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>596,321.46</b>
	<b>Budget total</b>	<b>654,700.00</b>			
<b>County Staff Charges</b>					
5101	Regular Salaries	44,370.00	10,315.50	23.2%	34,054.50
5201	Industrial Insurance	499.00	107.37	21.5%	391.63
5202	Social Security	3,394.00	783.99	23.1%	2,610.01
5203	PERS Retirement	4,548.00	1,071.80	23.6%	3,476.20
5209	WA State Family Leave	65.00	13.47	20.7%	51.53
5229	Benefit Bucket	7,245.00	1,811.25	25.0%	5,433.75
5311	Office Supplies	500.00	-	0.0%	500.00
5422	Cellular Telephone	-	259.38	100.0%	(259.38)
5425	Postage	100.00	-	0.0%	100.00
5431	Mileage	500.00	-	0.0%	500.00
5432	Travel	-	-	0.0%	-
5451	Operating Rentals	500.00	120.05	24.0%	379.95
5452	Cloud Service Subscriptions	-	183.86	100.0%	(183.86)
5492	Dues/Subscriptions	-	163.69	100.0%	(163.69)
5499	Other Miscellaneous	-	51.50	100.0%	(51.50)
<b>Contracted Services</b>					
5415	Management Consulting	-	-	0.0%	-
	KCR	600,000.00	3,234.00	0.5%	596,766.00
	NW Justice League	50,000.00	-	0.0%	50,000.00
<b>Standdown</b>					
5413	Medical/Dental	2,000.00	-	0.0%	2,000.00
5441	Advertising	1,000.00	-	0.0%	1,000.00
5499	Other Miscellaneous	11,100.00	-	0.0%	11,100.00
<b>County Charges</b>					
5912	I/F IS Service Charges	3,556.00	592.66	16.7%	2,963.34
5913	I/F IS Program Maintenance	1,365.00	227.50	16.7%	1,137.50
5922	I/F IS Projects	260.00	43.34	16.7%	216.66
5996	Indirect Cost Allocation	5,659.00	1,414.75	25.0%	4,244.25
	<b>Expense total</b>	<b>736,661.00</b>	<b>20,394.11</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>716,266.89</b>
	Estimated ending Fund Balance	-	218,000.00		
	<b>Budget total</b>	<b>736,661.00</b>			



# KITSAP COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Creating Hope | Restoring Lives

Veterans Assistance Fund 2023

Monthly Report: March 2023

Submitted by: Garry Hughes

Activity	March	YTD
Total Applicants	36	60
Total # of New Applicants	6	8
Applications Accepted	36	60
Applications Denied	0	0
General Discharges	2	2
2023 Total Unduplicated	36	60
Total Payout	\$ 34,615.03	\$ 46,979.99

Activity	Amount	Applications Received
Appliances		
Auto Repair	\$ 2,651.37	5
Burial	\$ 4,500	3
Bus Pass		
Bus Ticket Home		
Clothing	\$1,434.25	4
Dental	\$ 336	1
Food, Hygiene, & Cleaning supplies	\$ 3,049.47	13
Gasoline	\$ 272.80	4
Heating Oil		
Motel	\$ 7,157.52	5
Medical		
Natural Gas	\$ 167.89	2
Occupation Certification		
Phone	\$ 576.16	2
Propane	\$ 981.89	3
PSE	\$ 5,451.95	10
Rent	\$ 7,730.40	5
Sewer		
Union Dues		
Waste Management	\$ 60.80	1
Water	\$ 244.53	2
Wood for Heat/ Pellets		
Misc.		
Total Payout	\$ 34,615.03	Total 62

Demographics	March	YTD
Veteran	34	57
Dependent		
Widow	2	3
Gender		
Male	28	47
Female	8	13
Other Gender		
Age		
30 yrs. old and under	6	6
31 to 60 yrs. old	20	28
60 yrs. old and over	10	26
Ethnicity		
Hispanic or Latino	2	3
Non-Hispanic or Latino	34	57
Race		
American Indian/ Alaskan Native		
Asian		
Black or African American	4	8
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2	3
White	30	49
Other Race		
Multi Race (2 or more of the above)		

Of those that were served out of the Assistance Fund, some were given information on other KCR programs.

KCR \$ value of referrals – \$3,100

KCR \$ value of referrals YTD (January 2023 – Present) \$4,500

Applications Denied: 0

## Referrals

All clients are given referrals to community services including KCR.

Of those Veterans served out of the assistance fund, all were referred to other programs and given resources outside of KCR:

- King County VAF
- Pacific County VAF
- Food Banks/Free Meal Sites
- Salvation Army/St. Vincent's de Pau/ DSHS
- Employment Resources/Work Source
- WDVA/Building 10
- Legal Resources/Northwest Justice Project
- SSVF (Supportive Services for Veterans and Families)
- Domestic violence classes
- Grief Support Groups

- Educational resources
- Free Tax preparation sites

\$ Value of Referrals outside of KCR – \$2,600

\$ Value of Referrals YTD (January 2023-Present) – \$4,800

28 phone calls fielded seeking information outside of assistance fund.

#### March Breakdown:

Jail Contacts – 3

YTD (January 2023-Present) – 4 individuals

Clean and Sober Housing – 0

YTD (January 2023-Present) – 0

Eviction Relief Funding (Rental Assistance line item from VAP Budget contract) – \$0 (included in above total)

YTD (January 2023-Present) 0

**Kitsap County Veterans Assistance Program - Summary of Direct Emergency Assistance During 2023**

**Total Direct Service Budget 2023 - \$461,694**

Activity	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Total 2023
Appliances													\$ -
Auto Repair	\$ 124	\$ 2,799	\$ 2,651										\$ 5,574
Burial		\$ 1,500	\$ 4,500										\$ 6,000
Bus Pass													\$ -
Bus Ticket Home													\$ -
Clean & Sober Housing													\$ -
Clothing			\$ 1,434										\$ 1,434
Dental			\$ 336										\$ 336
Eviction Relief Funding													\$ -
Food	\$ 677	\$ 1,139	\$ 3,049										\$ 4,865
Gasoline	\$ 167	\$ 166	\$ 273										\$ 606
Heating Oil													\$ -
Motel			\$ 7,158										\$ 7,158
Medical													\$ -
Natural Gas	\$ 350	\$ 189	\$ 168										\$ 707
Occupation Certification													\$ -
Phone			\$ 576										\$ 576
Propane	\$ 279	\$ 824	\$ 982										\$ 2,085
PSE		\$ 747	\$ 5,452										\$ 6,199
Rent	\$ 200	\$ 2,500	\$ 7,730										\$ 10,430
Sewer		\$ 250											\$ 250
Union Dues													\$ -
Waste Management	\$ 55		\$ 61										\$ 116
Water		\$ 400	\$ 245										\$ 645
Wood for Heat/ Pellets													\$ -
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 1,852</b>	<b>\$ 10,514</b>	<b>\$ 34,615</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 46,981</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 459,842</b>	<b>\$ 449,328</b>	<b>\$ 414,713</b>	<b>\$ 414,713</b>	<b>\$ 414,713</b>	<b>\$ 414,713</b>	<b>\$ 414,713</b>	<b>\$ 414,713</b>	<b>\$ 414,713</b>	<b>\$ 414,713</b>	<b>\$ 414,713</b>	<b>\$ 414,713</b>	

Demographics	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Total 2023
Veteran	9	14	34										57
Dependent													0
Widow		1	2										3
<b>Gender</b>													
Male	8	11	28										134
Female	1	4	8										54
Other Gender													0
<b>Age</b>													
30 yrs. old and under			6										6
31 to 60 yrs. old	4	4	20										28
60 yrs. old and over	5	11	10										16
<b>Ethnicity</b>													
Hispanic or Latino		1	2										1
Non-Hispanic or Latino	9	14	34										23
<b>Race</b>													
American Indian/Alaskan Native													0
Asian													0
Black or African American	2	2	4										8
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		1	2										3
White	5	12	30										47
Other Race	2												2
Multi Race (2 or more of the above)													0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>188</b>

<b>2023 Applications Per month</b>	9	15	36										<b>60</b>
<b>2023 New Clients served YTD</b>	0	2	6										<b>8</b>
<b>2023 Clients denied</b>	0	0	0										<b>0</b>
<b>2023 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)</b>	9	15	36										<b>60</b>

<b>2022 Applications Per month</b>	52	40	30	48	49	31	55	53	40	38	45	36	<b>517</b>
<b>2022 New Clients served YTD</b>	4	3	3	10	10	4	7	10	5	5	2	5	<b>68</b>
<b>2022 Clients denied</b>	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
<b>2022 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)</b>	52	19	12	17	28	6	19	22	8	5	6	10	<b>204</b>

<b>2021 Applications Per month</b>	50	40	48	43	41	49	49	51	51	56	57		<b>535</b>
<b>2021 New Clients served YTD</b>	5	5	3	3	0	4	5	3	5	9	6		<b>48</b>
<b>2021 Clients denied</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		<b>0</b>
<b>2021 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)</b>	50	24	19	14	8	12	15	15	13	9	6		<b>185</b>

<b>2020 Applications Per month</b>	50	42	31	33	37	45	49	36	55	59	43	60	<b>540</b>
<b>2020 New Clients served YTD</b>	8	6	5	6	6	9	4	3	6	5	3	8	<b>69</b>
<b>2020 Clients denied</b>	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
<b>2020 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)</b>	50	22	17	19	16	16	15	8	12	16	8	9	<b>208</b>

<b>2019 Applications Per month</b>	57	39	51	67	58	44	58	48	41	63	43	44	<b>613</b>
<b>2019 New Clients served YTD</b>	7	8	7	9	8	7	10	4	4	11	5	5	<b>85</b>
<b>2019 Clients denied</b>	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	<b>4</b>
<b>2019 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)</b>	56	20	22	31	24	18	21	11	15	18	13	7	<b>256</b>

<b>2018 Applications Per month</b>	41	29	34	38	42	42	43	33	40	37	40		<b>419</b>
<b>2018 New Clients served YTD</b>	7	4	2	5	5	4	5	5	8	9	7		<b>61</b>
<b>2018 Clients denied</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0		<b>3</b>
<b>2018 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)</b>	41	16	17	11	18	15	18	11	12	17	22		<b>198</b>

<b>2017 Applications Per month</b>	37	30	49	43	36	48	48	55	38	49	48	47	<b>528</b>
<b>2017 New Clients served YTD</b>	8	8	7	12	8	8	3	13	15	10	7	11	<b>110</b>
<b>2017 Clients denied</b>	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	1	1	3	2	2	<b>15</b>
<b>2017 Total Clients Served</b>	37	29	48	41	36	46	48	54	37	46	46	45	<b>513</b>

<b>2016 Applications per month</b>	36	45	37	36	36	41	50	40	33	37	35	32	<b>458</b>
<b>2016 New Clients served YTD</b>	10	14	7	5	5	10	13	10	9	7	9	2	<b>101</b>

<b>2015 Applications per month</b>	38	35	46	45	39	22	48	41	42	34	40	42	<b>472</b>
<b>2015 New Clients served YTD</b>	11	13	19	12	8	5	14	14	10	10	13	15	<b>144</b>

# WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



## Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board

David Puente, Director  
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# MAJOR PROGRAMS

- State Veterans Homes
- Transitional Housing Program
- State Veterans Cemetery
- Veterans Services
- Counseling and Wellness



# STATE VETERANS HOMES



**Spokane Veterans Home**

Spokane  
Serving 100 Residents



**WA Soldiers Home**

Orting  
Serving 97 Residents



**WA Veterans Home**

Port Orchard  
Serving 240 Residents  
Memory Care Provided



**Walla Walla Veterans Home**

Walla Walla  
Serving 80 Residents  
Memory Care Provided

Our State Veterans Homes are Medicaid and Medicare Certified and provide 24-hour nursing care, medical care and pharmacy services. **Veterans rated 70%-100% Service Connected, or whose service connected disability is the reason nursing care is needed, may have their nursing home care paid by the Federal VA.**

**As part of residing in our homes, our residents benefit from:**

- |                           |                         |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| ▪ Physical Therapy        | ▪ Hospice               | ▪ Laundry               |
| ▪ Occupational Therapy    | ▪ Nutritious Meals      | ▪ Beauty & Barber Shops |
| ▪ Recreational Activities | ▪ Community Involvement | ▪ Fishing Pond (Orting) |
| ▪ Social Services         | ▪ Religious Programs    |                         |
| ▪ Volunteer Programs      | ▪ Transportation        |                         |

**To be eligible for admission, applicants must meet the following criteria:**

- Served at any time, in any branch of the United States Armed Forces including the National Guard;
- Received an honorable discharge;
- Reside in Washington State;
- Be the spouse of a resident or widow of an eligible veteran;
- Or be a Gold Star Parent who lost a child while serving in the armed forces.



# TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM (THP)

Transitional housing facilities in **Port Orchard** and **Orting** help veterans in need with stable housing, vocational rehabilitation, and employment.

Veterans are surrounded with supportive staff and wrap-around services that lead to successful program completion and their return to the community.



- **Building 10 in Port Orchard - 48 Beds**
- **Roosevelt Barracks / Betsy Ross in Orting**
  - **52 Beds** in Roosevelt Barracks
  - **10 Beds** in Betsy Ross which are dedicated for women veterans
  - **20 Beds** Contract Residential Shelter

## Program Goals include:

- Increased residential stability
- Greater self-determination
- Increased skill level and income potential

Contact THP, Monday - Friday 8:30-4:30, at 360-895-4371

Or THP staff at:

**Building 10: Port Orchard, WA**

**Phone: 360-895-4371**

**Fax: 360-895-4451**

**Roosevelt Barracks: Orting, WA**

**Phone: 253-263-0735**

**Fax: 360-893-5623**

Email: [thp@dva.wa.gov](mailto:thp@dva.wa.gov)



# VETERANS SERVICES

## Claims/Benefits Assistance through Veteran Service Officers

- WDVA contracts with 6 Veteran Service Organizations
  - African American PTSD Association
  - American Legion
  - AMVETS
  - National Association of Black Veterans Inc
  - Veterans of Foreign Wars
  - Vietnam Veterans America
- On Average veterans receiving VA disability receive ~\$1500 per month in benefits
- Kitsap County veterans are served through other Agency VSOs
  - Bldg 10 at our Port Orchard Facility (VFW)
  - 4980 Auto Center Way, Bremerton, WA 98312 (DAV)

## Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program

The HVRP offers a structured, individually designed case management plan to assist veterans become employable and economically secure.

## Veterans Innovations Program (VIP)

Assists Post 9/11 veterans facing financial hardships.



# VSO MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT W/COUNTIES

## **WDVA will provide**

1. Veteran Service Officer training
2. Veteran Service Officer accreditation
3. Licensed access to our VA disability claims software
4. Tracking and reporting of outcomes (ROI)
5. Representation before the Board of Veterans Appeals

## **County Veteran Service Officer**

1. Paid employee of the county government working not less than 1,000 hours annually
2. Successful completion of training and examination
3. Receives regular supervision and monitoring  
(Submits VA claims through WDVA's Claims QA Program)



# COUNSELING AND WELLNESS

## **WDVA Counseling Program**

Contracted Licensed Mental Health Providers serve veterans and families experiencing Post-Traumatic Stress, Military Sexual Trauma, or other military related issues.

## **Veterans Training Support Center**

No-cost training provided each month on a variety of topics, thanks to a grant from King County Veterans Services. Sign up at [www.dva.wa.gov](http://www.dva.wa.gov)

## **Traumatic Brain Injury Program**

Supports and represents every veteran in WA that has incurred a Brain Injury.

## **Suicide Prevention and Support Program**

Includes the Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Servicemembers and Families, and recent measures passed by the State Legislature.



# WDVA SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM

## Suicide Prevention Peer Team

### Four (4) Regionally located Peer Specialists

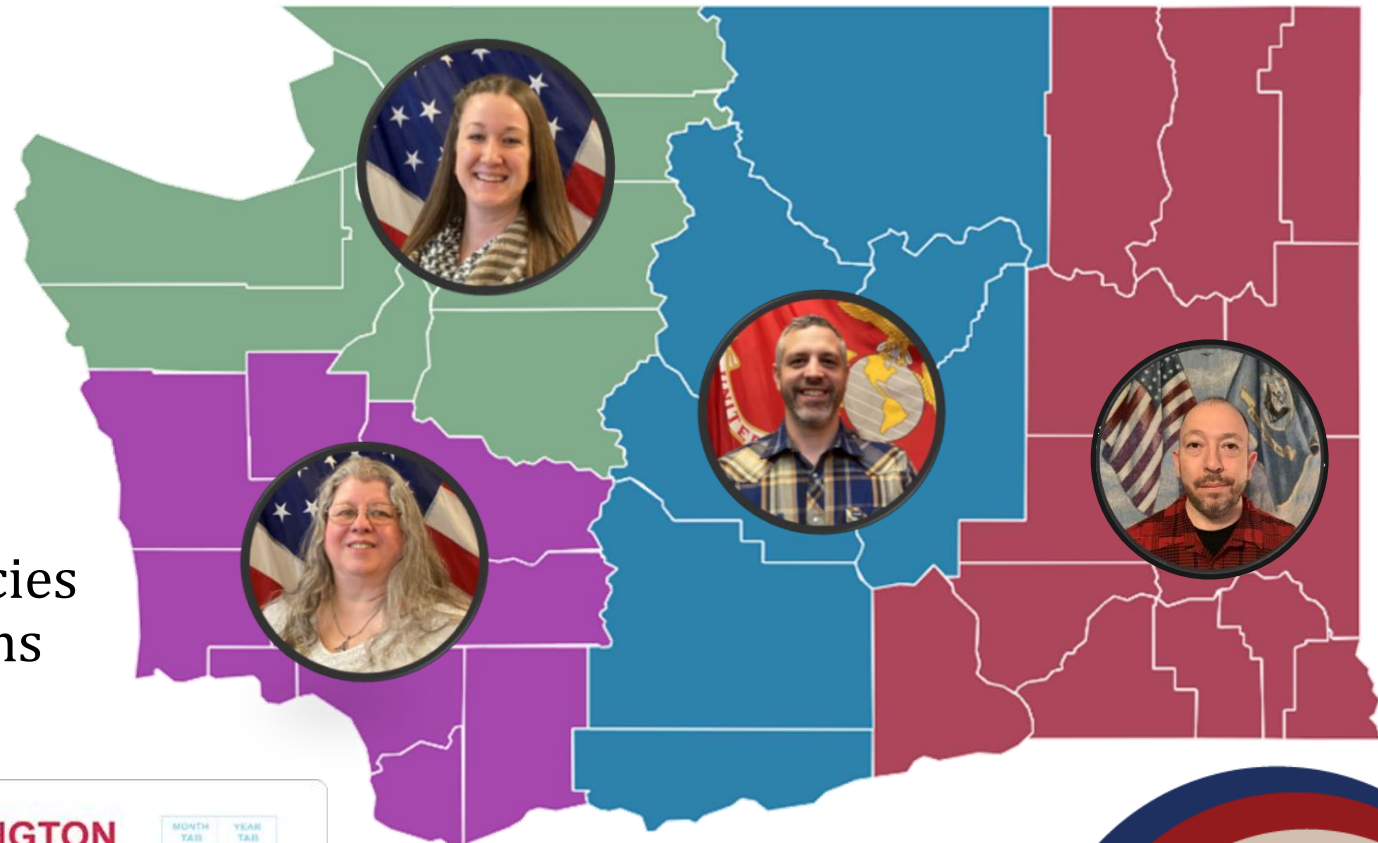
#### Provide:

- Community workshops
  - Suicide prevention training
  - Veteran cultural engagement training
- Collaboration with regional agencies and organizations serving Veterans
- Resource referral

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Prevent Veteran Suicide license plate Emblem



# COUNSELING AND WELLNESS, CONTINUED

## **Vet Corps**

Through training and peer-to-peer support, Vet Corps Member's support student veterans, veterans in the community, and military families by building on shared experiences and creating supportive relationships.

## **Veterans Peer Corps**

Provides training to community members interested in serving as Peer Mentors.

## **Veterans Conservation Corps**

Provides opportunities for veterans to connect with nature in their own way while restoring and cultivating Washington's natural resources.

## **Veterans Farm at Orting**

Offers a place where veterans can lease fertile farmland, attend classes, volunteer and generally support a growing community.

## **Tobacco Cessation Program**

Helps connect veterans and military families to resources that help decrease tobacco dependence, increase cessation efforts, and support for staying stopped.



# DIGITAL NAVIGATOR PROGRAM

- A grant-funded program within WDVA that helps eligible Veterans, and their families connect to their earned benefits, healthcare, and other supportive services.
- Initially, the program will focus on Veterans in underserved rural areas, elderly Veterans, Veterans of color, Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program Participants, and Veterans participating in higher education or apprenticeship.



# Kitsap County Resources for Veterans



The screenshot displays the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs website. The header features the department's logo with the tagline "Serving Those Who Served" and social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, Email, Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn. A search bar is located to the right of the social media icons. The main navigation menu includes links for HOME, FOR VETERANS, SERVICE MEMBERS, AND THEIR FAMILIES, COUNSELING & WELLNESS, COUNCILS & COMMITTEES, VETERANS HOMES, ABOUT WDVA, RESOURCES (highlighted), CALENDAR, and WDVA EMPLOYMENT. Below the navigation menu, a secondary menu lists various resources: Brochures and Newsletters, Benefits by State, County Map, Document Repository, Federal VA Benefits, Podcast, Statistics, and Videos. The main content area is titled "Kitsap County Resources for Veterans" and includes a breadcrumb trail: Home / Resources / County Resources. A sidebar on the left lists the same resource categories as the secondary menu. The main content area lists three specific resources: 1. "County Veterans Assistance Fund or Program" with a link to "Kitsap County Veterans Resources" and contact information: 10710 Silverdale Way, Silverdale, 360-337-4811. 2. "Service Officer/Claims Assistance" with a link to "Suquamish Tribe Veteran Services" and contact information: 18490 Suquamish Way, Suquamish, WA 98392, 360-394-8515, and a list of services including Claims assistance. 3. "Veterans of Foreign Wars" with contact information: 1141 Beach Dr E, Building 10, Port Orchard, WA 98366, 360-895-4358, and email: Nakeisha.Jones@va.gov. A small map of Washington state is located to the right of the first resource.

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## Kitsap County Resources for Veterans

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# Connect to *Your* WDVA!

**1-800-562-2308**

**[www.dva.wa.gov](http://www.dva.wa.gov)**

## **Veterans Homes Information**

**1-877-VETS-R-US**

**1-877-838-7787**

## **Veteran Services**

**Steven J. Gill - 360-789-5886**

**Rafael A. Lozano - 360-725-2219**

## **Counseling and Wellness**

**Keith Meyer- 360-789-9304**

## **Cemetery**

**Rudy Lopez - 509-299-6280**

## **Follow us on Social Media!**

**Facebook (WSDVA):**

**[www.facebook.com/wsdva](http://www.facebook.com/wsdva)**

**Twitter(WDVA):**

**<https://twitter.com/WDVA>**

**LinkedIn:**

**[www.linkedin.com/company/washington-state-department-of-veterans-affairs-recruiting](http://www.linkedin.com/company/washington-state-department-of-veterans-affairs-recruiting)**

**Instagram(WSDVA):**

**<https://www.instagram.com/wsdva>**

**YouTube:** Washington Department of Veterans Affairs or WDVA



# Bill Assistance & Income Eligible Programs

Veterans Advisory Board

PSE 2023



# Substation Facility and Safety

Contact PSE's Security Command Center at 1-844-473-4121 to report:

- Suspicious persons or vehicles
- Abandoned vehicles in or around the substation
- Suspicious objects left at the substation (backpacks, boxes, etc.)
- Damage to fences, gates or equipment
- Persons taking photos or video of the substation
- Persons using drones or other remote controlled devices
- Transients camping around or near the substation

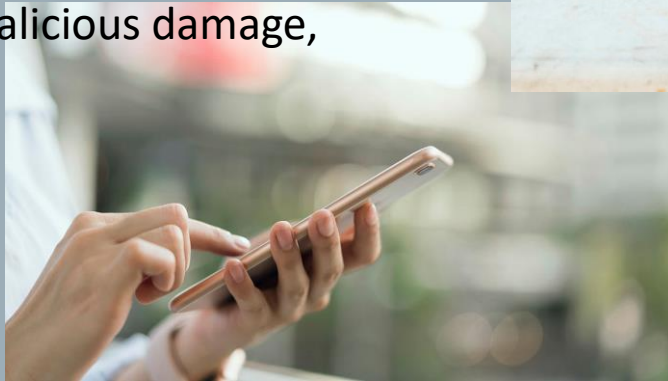


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# If You See Something, Say Something

## Contact your local police department if you see:

- Someone cutting or climbing the substation fence or gates
- Trespass, including transients, off-road vehicles, etc.
- Illegal dumping, including abandoned vehicles
- Theft of materials or equipment
- Vandalism, which includes malicious damage, tagging (graffiti), etc.
- Illegal shooting or hunting



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# How we can help



- PSE HELP
- LIHEAP
- Salvation Army Warm Home Fund
- Payment Arrangements
- Home Weatherization Assistance
- Efficiency Boost
- Income Eligible Community Solar



PSE does not share personal customer information with any outside entities for any program PSE administers.

# Income Eligibility Requirements



Assistance Programs Income Guidelines

Number of Persons in Household	HELP Monthly Net Household Income Limit	LIHEAP Monthly Net Income Limit	Warm Home Fund Monthly Net Household Income Limit	Home Weatherization Monthly Gross Household Income Limit
1	\$4,804	\$1,699	\$4,804	\$4,804
2	\$5,488	\$2,289	\$5,488	\$5,488
3	\$6,175	\$2,879	\$6,175	\$6,175
4	\$6,858	\$3,469	\$6,858	\$6,858
5	\$7,408	\$4,059	\$7,408	\$7,408
6	\$7,958	\$4,649	\$7,958	\$7,958
7	\$8,508	\$5,239	\$8,508	\$8,508
8	\$9,054	\$5,829	\$9,054	\$9,054

# What is PSE HELP?

(Home Energy Lifeline  
Program)



- Provides assistance for customers to help pay electric bills. If you qualify, we'll credit your account for up to \$1,000.
- PSE funded – no personal documentation needed.

# Step 1: Eligibility



PSE leverages funds from federal, state and PSE resources to offer assistance services. If household monthly income is less than the limits listed below, you may qualify.

Number of Persons in Household	Island County	King County	Kitsap County	Kittitas County	Lewis County	Pierce County	Skagit County	Snohomish County	Thurston County	Whatcom County
1	\$4,163	\$5,563	\$4,804	\$3,967	\$3,683	\$4,738	\$4,021	\$5,563	\$4,708	\$4,233
2	\$4,758	\$6,354	\$5,488	\$4,533	\$4,208	\$5,417	\$4,596	\$6,354	\$5,383	\$4,838
3	\$5,354	\$7,150	\$6,175	\$5,100	\$4,733	\$6,092	\$5,171	\$7,150	\$6,054	\$5,442
4	\$5,946	\$7,942	\$6,858	\$5,667	\$5,258	\$6,767	\$5,742	\$7,942	\$6,725	\$6,046
5	\$6,425	\$8,579	\$7,408	\$6,121	\$5,679	\$7,308	\$6,204	\$8,579	\$7,267	\$6,533
6	\$6,900	\$9,213	\$7,958	\$6,575	\$6,198	\$7,850	\$6,663	\$9,213	\$7,804	\$7,017

# Step 2: Documents



- ◆ Photo ID
- ◆ Income documentation or self declaration online.

If you receive:	Then provide the following documentation:
Social Security/SSI/SSD Income	Current year award letter
Earned Income	1-3 months paystubs prior to current month
Pension/retirement income	Current year award letter or 1-3 months bank statements
DSHS cash benefit (TANF/GAU)	Current year award letter
Child support / cash income	Self-declaration in the application
Dividends/interest	Bank statement for the 1-3 months prior to the current month
Self-employed/other income	Agency will provide a self-declaration form
No household income	Agency will provide a self-declaration form

# Step 3:

## Apply online or call your local agency



PSE HELP and LIHEAP program is administered through the same organization in Kitsap County. If you have a PSE digital account, you can begin your application.

Kitsap County	Tel
Kitsap Community Resources	360-479-1507 360-473-2045

# What is LIHEAP?

(Low income home energy assistance program)



- ◆ Federal program.
- ◆ Requires documentation and personal information.

# Step 1: Eligibility



## Income Eligibility Requirements

***Effective October 1, 2022, for 2022-23 program year:***

*\*Gross Earned Income Less a 20% Deduction*

Household Size	Federal Requirements (LIHEAP) Average Monthly Income*
1	\$1,699
2	\$2,289
3	\$2,879
4	\$3,469
5	\$4,059
6	\$4,649
7	\$5,239
8	\$5,829
9	\$6,419
10	\$7,009

\*Other income conditions may apply.

For households with more than 8 members, please call: (360) 479-1507

# Step 3:

## Documents



You will need to bring the following items with you to your appointment:

- ◆ Social security card or legal document with name and social security number for everyone in your household
- ◆ Picture ID with birthdate for the applicant
- ◆ Verification of total household income for the three months prior to the month of appointment for everyone in your house
- ◆ Adults age 18 and older with no income in any one of the three required months must sign additional forms to confirm no income
- ◆ Current month's energy bill
- ◆ Disconnection notice with current address (if applicable)
- ◆ Rent/lease agreement or proof of residence

Depending on circumstances, more information may be required.

# What is The Salvation Army Warm Home Fund?



- ◆ Provides short-term, emergency bill payment assistance to PSE customers facing financial difficulties.
- ◆ The funding are contributions from other PSE customers.

# Step 1: Eligibility



## Assistance Programs Income Guidelines

Number of Persons in Household	Warm Home Fund Monthly Net Household Income Limit
1	\$5,563
2	\$6,354
3	\$7,150
4	\$7,942
5	\$8,579
6	\$9,213
7	\$9,850
8	\$10,483

# Step 2:

## Call your local county agency



The Salvation Army Warm Fund is administered through your local Salvation Army. Contact them to see if you qualify to apply for these assistance programs.

Kitsap County	Tel
Keyport, Poulsbo, Suquamish, Indianola, Kingston and Hansville	360-779-5190
Bainbridge Island	206-842-7621
Bremerton	360-373-5550

# What are Payment Arrangements?



- ◆ If you don't qualify for bill assistance you can create a payment plan so you don't have to pay your bill all at once.
- ◆ Create a plan that allows for payment weekly, biweekly or monthly-whatever makes sense given the individual's circumstances.
- ◆ Go to [www.PSE.com](http://www.PSE.com) for more info.

# What is Home Weatherization Assistance?



- ◆ Free upgrades for single-family homes, manufactured homes or eligible apartment buildings.
- ◆ The Home Weatherization Assistance program is a partnership between PSE, federal and state funding sources.
- ◆ Upgrades can include insulation, duct sealing, etc.—so that the heated air stays inside the home.

# Step 1: Eligibility



If your household monthly income is less than the limits listed below, you may qualify.

If you do not qualify for these programs, Efficiency Boost offers increased rebates for income-qualified customers.

Number of Persons in Household	Island County	King County	Kitsap County	Kittitas County	Lewis County	Pierce County	Skagit County	Snohomish County	Thurston County	Whatcom County
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## Step 2: Call your agency



Kitsap County	Tel
Kitsap Community Resources	360-479-1507 360-473-2045

# What is the Process Like?



- ◆ The Home Weatherization Assistance program is not administered through PSE.
- ◆ Due to staffing and supply shortages, wait times can be long.
- ◆ Professional contractors employed by the agency conduct a home assessment to determine how best to weatherize the home and possibly upgrade equipment that is old or inefficient. The list of free upgrades could be extensive.

# What is Efficiency Boost?



PSE created the Efficiency Boost program to offer higher rebates on energy-efficient upgrades to income-qualified customers. Improve the comfort and efficiency of your home without breaking the bank.



# Efficiency Boost Incentives



- ◆ Receive additional rebates on insulation, windows, water heaters, furnaces, heat pumps, boilers, thermostats, and clothes washers
- ◆ Efficiency Boost incentives for 2023
  - Added \$150 rebate for smart and \$100 for line voltage connected thermostats.
  - Added \$100 rebate for front-loading clothes washers.
  - Increased natural gas furnace and boiler rebates from \$600 to \$1,000.
  - Increased ductless heat pump rebates from \$1,600 to \$2,400.
- ◆ See the full list of Efficiency Boost rebates at [pse.com/efficiencyboost](https://pse.com/efficiencyboost)

# How Does Efficiency Boost Work?



- 1) Contact an Energy Advisor to confirm income eligibility. Call 1-800-562-1482.
- 2) Get a referral for a REP to do the work.
- 3) Sign the income qualification form

# Eligibility



- ◆ If you live in a manufactured home, you may receive a higher rebate for making upgrades to your home, even if you do not qualify for Efficiency Boost.
- ◆ Low-Moderate Income Requirements listed in the table below.
- ◆ If your income is below the minimum income range, check out PSE's no-cost Home Weatherization Assistance program, administered through your local community agency.

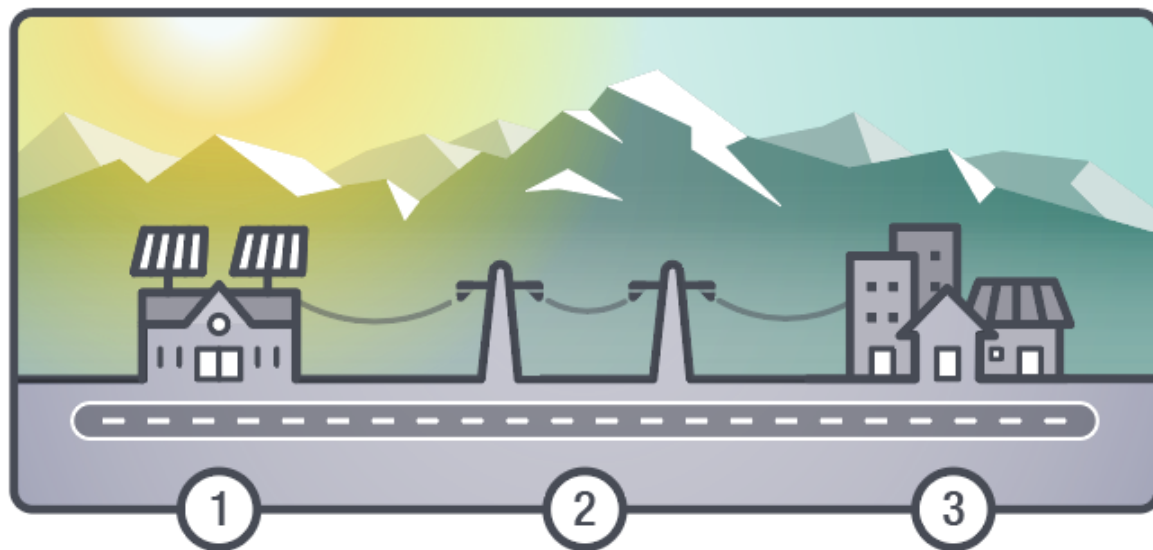
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Kitsap County	Min*	\$57,650	\$65,850	\$74,100	\$82,300	\$88,900	\$95,500	\$102,100	\$108,650	\$115,250	\$121,850
	Max	\$64,856	\$74,081	\$83,363	\$92,588	\$100,013	\$107,438	\$114,863	\$122,231	\$129,656	\$137,081

# What is Income Eligible Community Solar?



- ◆ Community Solar is a new renewable energy program that offers 100% local solar energy without having to invest in or install your own solar system.
- ◆ You subscribe to shares in a newly constructed, local solar energy site of your choice and receive bill credits for the energy that your shares generate.
- ◆ Income-eligible customers will be able to participate at no cost.

# HOW PSE COMMUNITY SOLAR WORKS



## 1 GENERATE

Local communities and organizations within PSE's service area host solar panels to generate clean solar energy.

## 2 DELIVERY

The solar energy is delivered to PSE's grid and collectively drives growth in a clean energy supply for all.

## 3 CUSTOMER

Subscribers share the benefits of 100% local solar without the need to install or maintain solar panels on their own.

# Who is Income Eligible?



Subscribers participating in the income-eligible option of Community Solar will be required to confirm their eligibility on an annual basis.

Household size	Maximum household income per year
1	\$25,760
2	\$34,840
3	\$43,920
4	\$53,000
5	\$62,080
6	\$71,160
7	\$80,240
8	\$89,320

# How Do I Subscribe?



Online with your PSE account or call an Energy Advisor at 1-800-562-1482.

You will be asked to affirm you meet the household income requirements during the enrollment process to self qualify.

**[PSE.com/solarforall](https://pse.com/solarforall)**

# Questions?

Feel free to contact me directly

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206-484-4933

