



SAFESTREETS

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Henry M. Jackson Foundation donates to Everett's Safe Streets Flex Fund

Grant will assist individuals transitioning from life on the streets

EVERETT – The Everett Safe Streets program recently received a \$2,500 grant from the Henry M. Jackson Foundation. The grant will go toward the [Safe Streets Flex Fund](#), which provides immediate assistance for individuals transitioning from the streets into treatment, housing and other services.

The Flex Fund is part of Everett's [Safe Streets Plan](#), which builds on the recommendations of the Community Streets Initiative task force.

“The enduring homelessness crisis in the Pacific Northwest in general, and in Everett in particular, can only be addressed with competent, visionary leadership as provided through programs such as the City of Everett's Safe Streets program,” said Maura Sullivan, program officer at the Henry M. Jackson Foundation.

The City's [embedded social workers](#) use the Flex Fund to bridge the gap in services and financial obstacles for Everett's chronically homeless residents by purchasing basic necessities. Acquiring a photo ID or a bus pass for an individual experiencing homelessness can make a big difference in helping them access services and get to treatment.

“The Jackson Foundation remembers how important Everett was to Senator Jackson, and where his heart lay, even when he was far away in Washington, DC,” said Sullivan. “This modest contribution to the Flex Fund represents a vote of confidence in the Everett community's ability to problem solve.”

Historically, grants from the Henry M. Jackson go toward supporting programs in the greater Everett area, where Senator Jackson grew up. To learn more about the Henry M. Jackson Foundation, visit www.hmjackson.org.

To learn more about the Flex Fund or to make a contribution, visit everettwa.gov/flexfund. Learn more about the [Everett Safe Streets Plan](#).

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