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Community partner profile: Everett Hot Meals Coalition

The City of Everett is fortunate to have many innovative and dedicated community partners, all working together to better serve vulnerable populations in our community. From time to time, we highlight the work of those partners.

EVERETT – The Everett Hot Meals Coalition is a group of 14 Everett hot meal providers that came together to better serve community members in need. The coalition serves more than 2,500 meals per week to homeless or low-income individuals throughout Everett.

To build on the recommendations of the Community Streets Initiative task force, the City of Everett asked hot meal providers in Everett to come together to discuss and implement best practices that all meal programs could share, as well as coordinate meal times and locations. The group now meets monthly to share resources, discuss best practices and support each other.

“A constant theme among providers was the difficulty in getting food and supplies,” said Roxana Boroujerdi, a coalition member. “For example, some members had lots of meat while others had none. Some had plates, others none.”

The coalition applied for, and received, a \$7,500 grant from the Emergency Food and Shelter Program, in partnership with Faith Lutheran Church. Everett Community College also donated a storage space that now has two large donated freezers and shelving and students help track inventory. Meal providers can now share their extra supplies and purchase needed items.

“By obtaining this grant, we are able to say to the community that we are a real group that can make a positive change in the community,” said Boroujerdi. “Coalition members are excited about greater possibilities of providing meals in Everett.”

To learn more about the Everett Hot Meals Coalition, how to donate and volunteer opportunities, contact Roxana Boroujerdi at 425-971-0402 or [via email](#).

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