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1 AN ACT Relating to updating eligible uses for the essential needs  
2 and housing support program; and amending RCW 43.185C.220,  
3 43.185C.230, 74.04.005, 74.04.805, and 74.62.030.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.185C.220 and 2015 c 128 s 5 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The department shall distribute funds for the essential needs  
8 and housing support program established under this section in a  
9 manner consistent with the requirements of this section and the  
10 biennial operating budget. The first distribution of funds must be  
11 completed by September 1, 2011. Essential needs or housing support is  
12 not an entitlement, and is only for ((persons));

13 (a) Persons found eligible for such services under RCW 74.04.805;  
14 and ((is not considered an entitlement))

15 (b) At the discretion of the department, low or extremely low-  
16 income elderly or disabled adults who are transitioning off benefits  
17 under RCW 74.04.805, receiving federal social security benefits or  
18 similar federal assistance, and still have an immediate housing need.  
19 A referral from the department of social and health services is not  
20 required for these individuals.

1           (2) The department shall distribute funds appropriated for the  
2 essential needs and housing support program in the form of grants to  
3 designated essential needs support and housing support entities  
4 within each county. The department shall not distribute any funds  
5 until it approves the expenditure plan submitted by the designated  
6 essential needs support and housing support entities. The amount of  
7 funds to be distributed pursuant to this section shall be designated  
8 in the biennial operating budget. For the sole purpose of meeting the  
9 initial distribution of funds date, the department may distribute  
10 partial funds upon the department's approval of a preliminary  
11 expenditure plan. The department shall not distribute the remaining  
12 funds until it has approved a final expenditure plan.

13           (3) (a) During the 2011-2013 biennium, in awarding housing support  
14 that is not funded through the contingency fund in this subsection,  
15 the designated housing support entity shall provide housing support  
16 to clients who are homeless persons as defined in RCW 43.185C.010. As  
17 provided in the biennial operating budget for the 2011-2013 biennium,  
18 a contingency fund shall be used solely for those clients who are at  
19 substantial risk of losing stable housing or at substantial risk of  
20 losing one of the other services defined in RCW 74.62.010(6). For  
21 purposes of this chapter, "substantial risk" means the client has  
22 provided documentation that he or she will lose his or her housing  
23 within the next thirty days or that the services will be discontinued  
24 within the next thirty days.

25           (b) After July 1, 2013, the designated housing support entity  
26 shall give first priority to clients who are homeless persons as  
27 defined in RCW 43.185C.010 and second priority to clients who would  
28 be at substantial risk of losing stable housing without housing  
29 support.

30           (4) For each county, the department shall designate an essential  
31 needs support entity and a housing support entity that will begin  
32 providing these supports to medical care services program recipients  
33 on November 1, 2011. Essential needs and housing support entities are  
34 not required to provide assistance to every person referred to the  
35 local entity or who meets the priority standards in subsection (3) of  
36 this section.

37           (a) Each designated entity must be a local government or  
38 community-based organization, and may administer the funding for  
39 essential needs support, housing support, or both. Designated  
40 entities have the authority to subcontract with qualified entities.

1 Upon request, and the approval of the department, two or more  
2 counties may combine resources to more effectively deliver services.

3 (b) The department's designation process must include a review of  
4 proficiency in managing housing or human services programs when  
5 designating housing support entities.

6 (c) Within a county, if the department directly awards separate  
7 grants to the designated housing support entity and the designated  
8 essential needs support entity, the department shall determine the  
9 amount allocated for essential needs support as directed in the  
10 biennial operating budget.

11 (5)(a) Essential needs and housing support entities must use  
12 funds distributed under this section as flexibly as is practicable to  
13 provide essential needs items and housing support to recipients of  
14 the essential needs and housing support program, subject to the  
15 requirements of this section. Direct cash assistance is allowable.

16 (b) ~~((Benefits provided under the essential needs and housing  
17 support program shall not be provided to recipients in the form of  
18 cash assistance.~~

19 ~~(e))~~ The department may move funds between entities or between  
20 counties to reflect actual caseload changes. In doing so, the  
21 department must: (i) Develop a process for reviewing the caseload of  
22 designated essential needs and housing support entities, and for  
23 redistributing grant funds from those entities experiencing reduced  
24 actual caseloads to those with increased actual caseloads; and (ii)  
25 inform all designated entities of the redistribution process. Savings  
26 resulting from program caseload attrition from the essential needs  
27 and housing support program shall not result in increased per-client  
28 expenditures.

29 ~~((d))~~ (c) Essential needs and housing support entities must  
30 partner with other public and private organizations to maximize the  
31 beneficial impact of funds distributed under this section, and should  
32 attempt to leverage other sources of public and private funds to  
33 serve essential needs and housing support recipients. Funds  
34 appropriated in the operating budget for essential needs and housing  
35 support must be used only to serve persons eligible to receive  
36 services under that program.

37 (d) Essential needs and housing support entities must reverify  
38 eligibility for a referral to the essential needs and housing support  
39 program every 12 months for those persons being served by the support  
40 entity.

1 (6) The department shall use no more than five percent of the  
2 funds for administration of the essential needs and housing support  
3 program. (~~Each essential needs and housing support entity shall use~~  
4 ~~no more than seven percent of the funds~~) The department shall align  
5 the administration rate for essential needs and housing support  
6 entities with other home security funded programs for administrative  
7 expenses.

8 (7) The department shall:

9 (a) Require housing support entities to enter data into the  
10 homeless client management information system;

11 (b) Require essential needs support entities to report on  
12 services provided under this section;

13 (c) In collaboration with the department of social and health  
14 services, submit a report annually to the relevant policy and fiscal  
15 committees of the legislature. A preliminary report shall be  
16 submitted by December 31, 2011, and must include (c)(i), (iii), and  
17 (v) of this subsection. Annual reports must be submitted beginning  
18 December 1, 2012, and must include:

19 (i) A description of the actions the department has taken to  
20 achieve the objectives of chapter 36, Laws of 2011 1st sp. sess.;

21 (ii) The amount of funds used by the department to administer the  
22 program;

23 (iii) Information on the housing status of essential needs and  
24 housing support recipients served by housing support entities, and  
25 individuals who have requested housing support but did not receive  
26 housing support;

27 (iv) Grantee expenditure data related to administration and  
28 services provided under this section; and

29 (v) Efforts made to partner with other entities and leverage  
30 sources or public and private funds;

31 (d) Review the data submitted by the designated entities, and  
32 make recommendations for program improvements and administrative  
33 efficiencies. The department has the authority to designate  
34 alternative entities as necessary due to performance or other  
35 significant issues. Such change must only be made after consultation  
36 with the department of social and health services and the impacted  
37 entity.

38 (8) The department, counties, and essential needs and housing  
39 support entities are not civilly or criminally liable and may not  
40 have any penalty or cause of action of any nature arise against them

1 related to decisions regarding: (a) The provision or lack of  
2 provision of housing or essential needs support; or (b) the type of  
3 housing arrangement supported with funds allocated under this  
4 section, when the decision was made in good faith and in the  
5 performance of the powers and duties under this section. However,  
6 this section does not prohibit legal actions against the department,  
7 county, or essential needs or housing support entity to enforce  
8 contractual duties or obligations.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.185C.230 and 2018 c 48 s 3 are each amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 The department, in collaboration with the department of social  
12 and health services, shall:

13 (1) Develop a mechanism through which the department and local  
14 governments or community-based organizations can verify a person has  
15 been determined eligible for a referral for essential needs and  
16 housing support by the department of social and health services and  
17 remains eligible for (~~the essential needs and housing support~~  
18 ~~program~~) a referral; and

19 (2) Provide a secure and current list of individuals eligible for  
20 a referral to the essential needs and housing support program to  
21 designated entities within each county. The list must be updated at  
22 least monthly and include, as available and applicable, the eligible  
23 individual's:

- 24 (a) Name;
- 25 (b) Address;
- 26 (c) Phone number;
- 27 (d) Shelter location; and
- 28 (e) Case manager contact information.

29 **Sec. 3.** RCW 74.04.005 and 2023 c 418 s 1 are each amended to  
30 read as follows:

31 For the purposes of this title, unless the context indicates  
32 otherwise, the following definitions shall apply:

33 (1) "Aged, blind, or disabled assistance program" means the  
34 program established under RCW 74.62.030.

35 (2) "Applicant" means any person who has made a request, or on  
36 behalf of whom a request has been made, to any county or local office  
37 for assistance.

38 (3) "Authority" means the health care authority.

1 (4) "County or local office" means the administrative office for  
2 one or more counties or designated service areas.

3 (5) "Department" means the department of social and health  
4 services.

5 (6) "Director" means the director of the health care authority.

6 (7) "Essential needs and housing support program" means the  
7 program established in RCW 43.185C.220.

8 (8) "Federal aid assistance" means the specific categories of  
9 assistance for which provision is made in any federal law existing or  
10 hereafter passed by which payments are made from the federal  
11 government to the state in aid or in respect to payment by the state  
12 for public assistance rendered to any category of needy persons for  
13 which provision for federal funds or aid may from time to time be  
14 made, or a federally administered needs-based program.

15 (9) "Income" means:

16 (a) All appreciable gains in real or personal property (cash or  
17 kind) or other assets, which are received by or become available for  
18 use and enjoyment by an applicant or recipient during the month of  
19 application or after applying for or receiving public assistance. The  
20 department may by rule and regulation exempt income received by an  
21 applicant for or recipient of public assistance which can be used by  
22 him or her to decrease his or her need for public assistance or to  
23 aid in rehabilitating him or her or his or her dependents, but such  
24 exemption shall not, unless otherwise provided in this title, exceed  
25 the exemptions of resources granted under this chapter to an  
26 applicant for public assistance. In addition, for cash assistance the  
27 department may disregard income pursuant to RCW 74.08A.230 and  
28 74.12.350.

29 (b) If, under applicable federal requirements, the state has the  
30 option of considering property in the form of lump sum compensatory  
31 awards or related settlements received by an applicant or recipient  
32 as income or as a resource, the department shall consider such  
33 property to be a resource.

34 (10) "Need" means the difference between the applicant's or  
35 recipient's standards of assistance for himself or herself and the  
36 dependent members of his or her family, as measured by the standards  
37 of the department, and value of all nonexempt resources and nonexempt  
38 income received by or available to the applicant or recipient and the  
39 dependent members of his or her family.

1 (11) "Public assistance" or "assistance" means public aid to  
2 persons in need thereof for any cause, including services, medical  
3 care, assistance grants, disbursing orders, work relief, benefits  
4 under RCW 74.62.030 and 43.185C.220, and federal aid assistance.

5 (12) "Recipient" means any person receiving assistance and in  
6 addition those dependents whose needs are included in the recipient's  
7 assistance.

8 (13) "Resource" means any asset, tangible or intangible, owned by  
9 or available to the applicant at the time of application, which can  
10 be applied toward meeting the applicant's need, either directly or by  
11 conversion into money or its equivalent. The department may by rule  
12 designate resources that an applicant may retain and not be  
13 ineligible for public assistance because of such resources. Exempt  
14 resources shall include, but are not limited to:

15 (a) A home that an applicant, recipient, or their dependents is  
16 living in, including the surrounding property;

17 (b) Household furnishings and personal effects;

18 (c) One motor vehicle, other than a motor home, that is used and  
19 useful;

20 (d) A motor vehicle necessary to transport a household member  
21 with a physical disability. This exclusion is limited to one vehicle  
22 per person with a physical disability;

23 (e) Retirement funds, pension plans, and retirement accounts;

24 (f) All other resources, including any excess of values exempted,  
25 not to exceed \$12,000 or other limit as set by the department, to be  
26 consistent with limitations on resources and exemptions necessary for  
27 federal aid assistance;

28 (g) Applicants for or recipients of benefits under RCW 74.62.030  
29 and (~~43.185C.220~~) referrals under RCW 74.04.805 shall have their  
30 eligibility based on resource limitations consistent with the  
31 temporary assistance for needy families program rules adopted by the  
32 department; and

33 (h) If an applicant for or recipient of public assistance  
34 possesses property and belongings in excess of the ceiling value,  
35 such value shall be used in determining the need of the applicant or  
36 recipient, except that: (i) The department may exempt resources or  
37 income when the income and resources are determined necessary to the  
38 applicant's or recipient's restoration to independence, to decrease  
39 the need for public assistance, or to aid in rehabilitating the  
40 applicant or recipient or a dependent of the applicant or recipient;

1 and (ii) the department may provide grant assistance for a period not  
2 to exceed nine months from the date the agreement is signed pursuant  
3 to this section to persons who are otherwise ineligible because of  
4 excess real property owned by such persons when they are making a  
5 good faith effort to dispose of that property if:

6 (A) The applicant or recipient signs an agreement to repay the  
7 lesser of the amount of aid received or the net proceeds of such  
8 sale;

9 (B) If the owner of the excess property ceases to make good faith  
10 efforts to sell the property, the entire amount of assistance may  
11 become an overpayment and a debt due the state and may be recovered  
12 pursuant to RCW 43.20B.630;

13 (C) Applicants and recipients are advised of their right to a  
14 fair hearing and afforded the opportunity to challenge a decision  
15 that good faith efforts to sell have ceased, prior to assessment of  
16 an overpayment under this section; and

17 (D) At the time assistance is authorized, the department files a  
18 lien without a sum certain on the specific property.

19 (14) "Secretary" means the secretary of social and health  
20 services.

21 (15) "Standards of assistance" means the level of income required  
22 by an applicant or recipient to maintain a level of living specified  
23 by the department.

24 (16)(a) "Victim of human trafficking" means a noncitizen and any  
25 qualifying family members who have:

26 (i) Filed or are preparing to file an application for T  
27 nonimmigrant status with the appropriate federal agency pursuant to 8  
28 U.S.C. Sec. 1101(a)(15)(T), as it existed on January 1, 2020;

29 (ii) Filed or are preparing to file an application with the  
30 appropriate federal agency for status pursuant to 8 U.S.C. Sec.  
31 1101(a)(15)(U), as it existed on January 1, 2020; or

32 (iii) Been harmed by either any violation of chapter 9A.40 or  
33 9.68A RCW, or both, or by substantially similar crimes under federal  
34 law or the laws of any other state, and who:

35 (A) Are otherwise taking steps to meet the conditions for federal  
36 benefits eligibility under 22 U.S.C. Sec. 7105, as it existed on  
37 January 1, 2020; or

38 (B) Have filed or are preparing to file an application with the  
39 appropriate federal agency for status under 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1158.

40 (b)(i) "Qualifying family member" means:



1 (A) A victim's spouse and children; and

2 (B) When the victim is under 21 years of age, a victim's parents  
3 and unmarried siblings under the age of 18.

4 (ii) "Qualifying family member" does not include a family member  
5 who has been charged with or convicted of attempt, conspiracy,  
6 solicitation, or commission of any crime referenced in this  
7 subsection or described under 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1101(a)(15)(T) or (U) as  
8 either existed on January 1, 2020, when the crime is against a spouse  
9 who is a victim of human trafficking or against the child of a victim  
10 of human trafficking.

11 (17) For purposes of determining eligibility for public  
12 assistance and participation levels in the cost of medical care, the  
13 department shall exempt restitution payments made to people of  
14 Japanese and Aleut ancestry pursuant to the Civil Liberties Act of  
15 1988 and the Aleutian and Pribilof Island Restitution Act passed by  
16 congress, P.L. 100-383, including all income and resources derived  
17 therefrom.

18 (18) In the construction of words and phrases used in this title,  
19 the singular number shall include the plural, the masculine gender  
20 shall include both the feminine and neuter genders, and the present  
21 tense shall include the past and future tenses, unless the context  
22 thereof shall clearly indicate to the contrary.

23 **Sec. 4.** RCW 74.04.805 and 2023 c 289 s 1 are each amended to  
24 read as follows:

25 (1) The department is responsible for determining eligibility for  
26 referral for essential needs and housing support under RCW  
27 43.185C.220 (~~(Persons eligible for a referral are)~~) for persons who:

28 (a) Have been determined to be eligible for the aged, blind, or  
29 disabled assistance program under RCW 74.62.030 or the pregnant women  
30 assistance program under RCW 74.62.030, or are incapacitated from  
31 gainful employment by reason of bodily or mental infirmity that will  
32 likely continue for a minimum of 90 days. The standard for incapacity  
33 in this subsection, as evidenced by the 90-day duration standard, is  
34 not intended to be as stringent as federal supplemental security  
35 income disability standards;

36 (b) Are citizens or aliens lawfully admitted for permanent  
37 residence or otherwise residing in the United States under color of  
38 law, or are victims of human trafficking as defined in RCW 74.04.005;

1 (c)(i) Have furnished the department with their social security  
2 number. If the social security number cannot be furnished because it  
3 has not been issued or is not known, an application for a number must  
4 be made prior to authorization of benefits, and the social security  
5 number must be provided to the department upon receipt;

6 (ii) This requirement does not apply to victims of human  
7 trafficking as defined in RCW 74.04.005 if they have not been issued  
8 a social security number;

9 (d)(i) Have countable income as described in RCW 74.04.005 that  
10 meets the standard established by the department, which shall not  
11 exceed 100 percent of the federal poverty level; or

12 (ii) Have income that meets the standard established by the  
13 department, who are eligible for the pregnant women assistance  
14 program;

15 (e) Do not have countable resources in excess of those described  
16 in RCW 74.04.005; and

17 (f) Are not eligible for federal aid assistance, other than basic  
18 food benefits transferred electronically and medical assistance.

19 (2) Recipients of pregnant women assistance program benefits who  
20 meet other eligibility requirements in this section are eligible for  
21 referral for essential needs and housing support services, within  
22 funds appropriated for the department of commerce, for 24 consecutive  
23 months from the date the department determines pregnant women  
24 assistance program eligibility.

25 (3) The following persons are not eligible for a referral for  
26 essential needs and housing support:

27 (a) Persons who refuse or fail to cooperate in obtaining federal  
28 aid assistance, without good cause;

29 (b) Persons who refuse or fail without good cause to participate  
30 in substance use treatment if an assessment by a certified substance  
31 use disorder professional indicates a need for such treatment. Good  
32 cause must be found to exist when a person's physical or mental  
33 condition, as determined by the department, prevents the person from  
34 participating in substance use treatment, when needed outpatient  
35 treatment is not available to the person in the county of their  
36 residence, when needed inpatient treatment is not available in a  
37 location that is reasonably accessible for the person, or when the  
38 person is a parent or other relative personally providing care for a  
39 minor child or an incapacitated individual living in the same home as  
40 the person, and child care or day care would be necessary for the

1 person to participate in substance use disorder treatment, and such  
2 care is not available; and

3 (c) Persons who are fleeing to avoid prosecution of, or to avoid  
4 custody or confinement for conviction of, a felony, or an attempt to  
5 commit a felony, under the laws of the state of Washington or the  
6 place from which the person flees; or who are violating a condition  
7 of probation, community supervision, or parole imposed under federal  
8 or state law for a felony or gross misdemeanor conviction.

9 (4) For purposes of determining whether a person is incapacitated  
10 from gainful employment under subsection (1) of this section:

11 (a) The department shall adopt by rule medical criteria for  
12 incapacity determinations to ensure that eligibility decisions are  
13 consistent with statutory requirements and are based on clear,  
14 objective medical information; and

15 (b) The process implementing the medical criteria must involve  
16 consideration of opinions of the treating or consulting physicians or  
17 health care professionals regarding incapacity, and any eligibility  
18 decision which rejects uncontroverted medical opinion must set forth  
19 clear and convincing reasons for doing so.

20 (5) For purposes of reviewing a person's continuing eligibility  
21 and in order to remain eligible for the program, persons who have  
22 been found to have an incapacity from gainful employment must  
23 demonstrate that there has been no material improvement in their  
24 medical or mental health condition. The department may discontinue  
25 benefits when there was specific error in the prior determination  
26 that found the person eligible by reason of incapacitation.

27 (6) The department must review the cases of all persons who have  
28 received benefits under the essential needs and housing support  
29 program for twelve consecutive months, and at least annually after  
30 the first review, to determine whether they are eligible for the  
31 aged, blind, or disabled assistance program.

32 (7) The department shall share client data for individuals  
33 eligible for a referral to essential needs and housing support with  
34 the department of commerce and designated essential needs and housing  
35 support entities as required under RCW 43.185C.230.

36 (8) Individuals described in RCW 43.185C.220(1)(b) do not require  
37 a referral from the department in order to be considered for  
38 essential needs and housing support.

1       **Sec. 5.** RCW 74.62.030 and 2023 c 289 s 3 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       (1)(a) The aged, blind, or disabled assistance program shall  
4 provide financial grants to persons in need who:

5       (i) Are not eligible to receive supplemental security income,  
6 refugee cash assistance, temporary assistance for needy families, or  
7 state family assistance benefits;

8       (ii) Meet the eligibility requirements of subsection (3) of this  
9 section; and

10       (iii) Are aged, blind, or disabled. For purposes of determining  
11 eligibility for assistance for the aged, blind, or disabled  
12 assistance program, the following definitions apply:

13       (A) "Aged" means age 65 or older.

14       (B) "Blind" means statutorily blind as defined for the purpose of  
15 determining eligibility for the federal supplemental security income  
16 program.

17       (C) "Disabled" means likely to meet the federal supplemental  
18 security income disability standard. In making this determination,  
19 the department should give full consideration to the cumulative  
20 impact of an applicant's multiple impairments, an applicant's age,  
21 and vocational and educational history.

22       In determining whether a person is disabled, the department may  
23 rely on, but is not limited to, the following:

24       (I) A previous disability determination by the social security  
25 administration or the disability determination service entity within  
26 the department; or

27       (II) A determination that an individual is eligible to receive  
28 optional categorically needy medicaid as a disabled person under the  
29 federal regulations at 42 C.F.R. Parts 435, Secs. 201(a)(3) and 210.

30       (b) The following persons are not eligible for the aged, blind,  
31 or disabled assistance program:

32       (i) Persons who are not able to engage in gainful employment due  
33 primarily to a substance use disorder. These persons shall be  
34 referred to appropriate assessment, treatment, or shelter services.  
35 Referrals shall be made at the time of application or at the time of  
36 eligibility review. This subsection may not be construed to prohibit  
37 the department from granting aged, blind, or disabled assistance  
38 benefits to persons with a substance use disorder who are  
39 incapacitated due to other physical or mental conditions that meet

1 the eligibility criteria for the aged, blind, or disabled assistance  
2 program; or

3 (ii) Persons for whom there has been a final determination of  
4 ineligibility based on age, blindness, or disability for federal  
5 supplemental security income benefits.

6 (c) Persons may receive aged, blind, or disabled assistance  
7 benefits and a referral for essential needs and housing program  
8 support under RCW 43.185C.220 concurrently while pending application  
9 for federal supplemental security income benefits. Effective October  
10 1, 2025, a person's receipt of supplemental security income received  
11 for the same period as aged, blind, or disabled program assistance as  
12 described in this section shall not be considered a debt due to the  
13 state and is not subject to recovery. However, the monetary value of  
14 aged, blind, or disabled cash assistance paid prior to October 1,  
15 2025, that is duplicated by the person's receipt of supplemental  
16 security income for the same period shall be considered a debt due to  
17 the state and shall by operation of law be subject to recovery  
18 through all available legal remedies.

19 (2) The pregnant women assistance program shall provide financial  
20 grants to persons who:

21 (a) Are pregnant and in need, based upon the current income and  
22 resource standards of the federal temporary assistance for needy  
23 families program, but are ineligible for federal temporary assistance  
24 for needy families or state family assistance benefits for a reason  
25 other than failure to cooperate in program requirements; and

26 (b) Meet the eligibility requirements of subsection (3) of this  
27 section.

28 (3) To be eligible for the aged, blind, or disabled assistance  
29 program under subsection (1) of this section or the pregnant women  
30 assistance program under subsection (2) of this section, a person  
31 must:

32 (a) Be a citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent  
33 residence or otherwise residing in the United States under color of  
34 law, or be a victim of human trafficking as defined in RCW 74.04.005;

35 (b) Meet the income and resource standards described in RCW  
36 74.04.805(1) (d) and (e);

37 (c) (i) Have furnished the department with their social security  
38 number. If the social security number cannot be furnished because it  
39 has not been issued or is not known, an application for a number

1 shall be made prior to authorization of benefits, and the social  
2 security number shall be provided to the department upon receipt;

3 (ii) This requirement does not apply to victims of human  
4 trafficking as defined in RCW 74.04.005 if they have not been issued  
5 a social security number;

6 (d) Not have refused or failed without good cause to participate  
7 in substance use treatment if an assessment by a certified substance  
8 use disorder professional indicates a need for such treatment. Good  
9 cause must be found to exist when a person's physical or mental  
10 condition, as determined by the department, prevents the person from  
11 participating in substance use treatment, when needed outpatient  
12 treatment is not available to the person in the county of their  
13 residence, when needed inpatient treatment is not available in a  
14 location that is reasonably accessible for the person, or when the  
15 person is a parent or other relative personally providing care for a  
16 minor child or an incapacitated individual living in the same home as  
17 the person, and child care or day care would be necessary for the  
18 person to participate in substance use disorder treatment, and such  
19 care is not available; and

20 (e) Not have refused or failed to cooperate in obtaining federal  
21 aid assistance, without good cause.

22 (4) Referrals for essential needs and housing support under RCW  
23 43.185C.220(1)(a) shall be provided to persons found eligible under  
24 RCW 74.04.805.

25 (5) No person may be considered an eligible individual for  
26 benefits under this section with respect to any month if during that  
27 month the person:

28 (a) Is fleeing to avoid prosecution of, or to avoid custody or  
29 confinement for conviction of, a felony, or an attempt to commit a  
30 felony, under the laws of the state of Washington or the place from  
31 which the person flees; or

32 (b) Is violating a condition of probation, community supervision,  
33 or parole imposed under federal or state law for a felony or gross  
34 misdemeanor conviction.

35 (6) The department must share client data for individuals  
36 eligible for a referral to essential needs and housing support with  
37 the department of commerce and designated essential needs and housing  
38 support entities as required under RCW 43.185C.230.

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