

YMCA of Greater Seattle

Permanent Housing Program

Population Served

The Permanent Housing Program serves homeless young adults between the ages of 18 and 24. Priority for housing is given to young adults who have additional barriers to housing stability, such as a criminal background, pregnancy, or young children. Most young adults in the program have little or no rental history, so the YMCA works closely with them to help locate housing and to establish positive relationships with landlords.

Program Information

Annual Amount of Five-Year King County HHSF Award	\$80,000
People of Color Served	76 %
Program Start Date	April 2007
Target Population	Young Adults
Geographic Location	Countywide

Program Outcomes

Clients housed	Percent that maintained housing for at least one year	Top reasons clients left permanent housing
24	100 %	N/A

Impact of Funding

- Creates 15 new units of permanent housing in the private rental market for homeless young adults
- King County funds for services and rental assistance leverage five Section 8 subsidies from King County and Seattle Housing Authorities
- Provides housing education and case management to vulnerable young adults
- Engages young adults at the community resource center, which serves approximately 200 young adults each year
- Provides life skills classes, tenant education, and linkage to health care and other resources



YMCA case managers provide important support to young adults

Client Story

Shannon transitioned from homelessness to permanent housing with help from the Permanent Housing Program in October 2008. Shannon has been working hard to find and move into her own apartment, while also taking classes and working. The past couple of months have been very hard for her, as she lost her job due to scheduling conflicts with school. Shannon was determined, however, not to give up on her education. She also continued to look for a job that could accommodate her schedule and provide enough for her to live on. With the help of her YMCA case manager, Shannon has been able to maintain her housing through this difficult time. She recently found two part-time positions that will work around her school schedule, and she will graduate from the Pima Medical Institute this fall with certification as a medical assistant.