



TACOMA / PIERCE COUNTY
**AFFORDABLE
HOUSING
CONSORTIUM**

NEWS UPDATE – 09-15-2009

On September 9, 2009 HUD announced \$511 million in competitive grants to provide non-profit organizations interest-free capital advance funds to produce affordable rental housing with supportive services for the elderly and persons with disabilities through HUD's Section 202 and Section 811 Capital Advance programs. The due dates: Section 202 applications must be postmarked on or before November 13, 2009 while Section 811 applications must be postmarked on or before November 16, 2009. For more information, please go to:

<http://www.hud.gov/news/release.cfm?content=pr09-165.cfm>

Pierce County NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Continuum of Care (COC) Homeless Programs

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE: September 8, 2009

Applications can be picked up or downloaded from the web site located at:

http://www.piercecountywa.org/pc/abtus/ourorg/comsvcs/housing/cont_care.htm

INTENT TO APPLY DUE: September 23, 2009, 4:00 pm

APPLICATIONS DUE: October 2, 2009, 4:00 pm
Pierce County, Department of Community
Services, Housing Programs
3602 Pacific Avenue, Housing Programs Office
Tacoma, WA 98418
Phone (253) 798-7038

FUND RESERVATIONS: Pierce County, has made available from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds to be utilized by certified Non Profits to provide transitional housing or permanent supportive housing to homeless persons and families with children.

2009 Funding -Total funds available: approximately \$2,000,000

More information:

<http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/xml/abtus/ourorg/comsvcs/housing/COC%20NOFA.doc>

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Grim Census Data on Poverty Points to Growing Need Even Before Unemployment Skyrocketed this Year

Uninsured numbers reflect the importance of public health insurance programs
see [links to data and analyses below](#)

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Today's Census Bureau report that the number of Americans living in poverty increased by nearly 2.6 million to 13.2 percent in 2008 is a stark reminder of the toll the recession was already taking on families even before the economic picture worsened this year.

Continuing a long-term trend, the number of people without health insurance grew to 46.3 million, according to the Census data. From 2000 to 2008, the proportion without insurance rose from 13.7 to 15.4 percent. The numbers of uninsured working age adults (18-64 years old) increased from 19.6 percent to 20.3 percent between 2007 and 2008, an increase of more than 1.5 million people. Bucking the trend, the total number of uninsured children dropped from 11 percent to 9.9 percent, because many children are eligible for public insurance programs such as SCHIP and Medicaid that are unavailable to most adults.

"This data shows the enormous importance of public health insurance programs in filling the gaps as more people continue to lose private health insurance," said Deborah Weinstein, executive director of the Coalition on Human Needs, adding that President Obama's call to action on health care reform could not be timelier. Continue article:

<http://www.chn.org/pdf/2009/povhealthchnpress91009.pdf>

For key points about the grim poverty and health insurance trends:

<http://chn.org/pdf/2009/2008poverty-insurancetalkingpts.pdf>

For a first fast look at the national poverty and health insurance data:

<http://chn.org/pdf/2009/2008-2007-2000-CPScomparisons.pdf>

Chronic Minor Offenders Program—Report to Tacoma & Pierce County Public Safety and Human Services Committees September 14 on C-RCC TV [Channel 22]: 09-15 @ 8 pm...09-16 @ 2 pm...09-17 @ 5 pm...09-19 @ 8 pm. This program will offer housing and counseling alternatives to frequently jailed individuals; pilot to begin early 2010.

HOUSING CALENDAR: <http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/index.php/Calendar/>

➔ **Housing Washington 2009 – September 29-30, Spokane**

Program information: <http://www.wshfc.org/conf/program.htm>

AHC Quarterly Membership Meeting – October 14, 8 – 9:30 am – 1323 S Yakima

PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT – October 14 – Tacoma Dome: Project Homeless Connect is a one day connection to resources and services for people experiencing homelessness in Pierce County. Medical and dental care, haircuts and flu shots, access to benefits through the Veterans Administration, the Department of Social and Health

Services, replacement of identification and new glasses – all available under one roof.

This is the third annual event, each year reaching more and more individuals in need. This year's event will be October 14 from 9am to 5pm at the Tacoma Dome Exhibition Center. Please join the event organizers in spreading the word to those in our most vulnerable population. For more information: www.pchomelessconnect.org
