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EverTrust Foundation grant jumpstarts the Streets Initiative fund

EVERETT - The [EverTrust Foundation](#) is helping launch the Community Streets Initiative Flex Fund with an \$8,000 grant. Their contribution will benefit our community's highest utilizers of emergency systems, many of whom are also chronically homeless, as they transition into treatment, housing or other services.

The Streets Initiative fund is intended to bridge gaps in services when an individual on the streets – identified by the Chronic-Utilizer Alternative Response Team (CHART) team or the police department's outreach and enforcement team – is ready to improve their situation but faces obstacles, such as lack of personal identification or access to needed medical supplies.

Mary B. Sievers, executive director of the EverTrust Foundation, hopes others will contribute to the fund and support the important collective work the Streets Initiative is accomplishing.

“We are impressed to see, for the first time, so many city entities join together in addressing the community's homeless situation,” Sievers said. “It's a very systemic collaborative approach which we know takes more time, but can bring about more profound changes – rather than a Band-Aid approach.”

Community members interested in contributing to the flex fund can visit everettwa.gov/streetsfund for details. For links to other nonprofits supporting those in need on our streets, [visit our website](#).

The primary focus of the [EverTrust Foundation](#) is to improve the lives of Snohomish County families by providing support for food, shelter and health care, as well as educational programs that promote self-sufficiency. The EverTrust Foundation, with a strong asset base, will continue its legacy of vital support of local services and organizations for generations to come.

Learn more about the [Community Streets Initiative](#) or the [Everett Safe Streets Plan](#).

Learn more:

For more information on the Community Streets Initiative, visit www.everettwa.gov/streetsinitiative.

For more information on the Safe Streets Plan, visit www.everettwa.gov/safestreets.

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