



We build strength, stability, self-reliance *and* shelter.

September 14, 2021

City of Port Angeles  
Attn: City Staff & City Council Members  
321 E 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Port Angeles, WA 98362

**RE: Request for ARPA Funding for Home Repair/Aging in Place Program - \$100,000**

## Overview

Habitat for Humanity of Clallam County (HFHCC) a 501c3 nonprofit has been providing affordable homeownership to Clallam County residents since 1991, building 35 modest, safe, decent homes. In 2015, we added a new scope of work to our self-help home ownership program... *Neighborhood Revitalization*, which we now call Repair Program/Aging in Place. Our vision is to become a community connector, build the work capacity i.e. serve more families and change lives.

## The Problem

As the recent housing assessment completed for City of Port Angeles by Beckwith Consulting Group stated Port Angeles has an aging housing stock. The 2019 Census data shows a population in the City of Port Angeles of 20,229, 21.3% are over 65 and 51.1% are women. In addition, Data from recent surveys has shown that COVID-19 disproportionately affected low and fixed income families, and the fastest growing population of homeless are Senior Citizen women. According to HUD, only 4% of homes are "age-friendly", and AARP cites 87% of Americans age 65 and older say they prefer to remain in their current residence. Many Senior Citizens live on fixed/limited income with little to no money for upkeep and home repairs.

## The Solution

Our Aging in Place program is designed to *empower seniors and disabled individuals to live independently in their home* through repairs, modifications, and home preservation projects. We aspire to provide them with a peace of mind and to bring them safety and autonomy. Habitat Clallam will be offering modifications and repairs geared towards independent living. ARPA Funding from the City of Port Angeles awarded to Habitat Clallam would be managed to support owner occupied homes, serving those that fall between 20-50% of AMI. The funds would be used to purchase materials for home modification such as making bathrooms ADA accessible, grab bars, slip free flooring, railings in hallways and contrast stairs to name a few. Habitat Clallam with our paid Construction Lead overseeing the work, assisted by volunteers, would complete these projects. Volunteer labor helps to keep the repair cost low, allowing us to serve more families. Home preservation i.e. exterior cleanup, fence repairs, siding/painting & decks repairs and exterior ramp installation would help preserve Port Angeles' aging housing stock for future generations. However, for work outside of Habitat Clallam's scope we would hire contractors for roof repairs/replacement, plumbing and electrical for residents that meet the Aging in place criteria.