

# Funds Distribution Report

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**Recipient Organization:**  
**Volunteers of America Western Washington**

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**Organization's General Goals:**  
Volunteers of America Western Washington (VOAWW) is a Christian faith-in-action organization with the mission to empower people and strengthen communities in need, guided by core values of respect, integrity, stewardship, and empathy. They aim to build safe, healthy communities where all people can live self-sufficient, fulfilled lives.

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<b>Date of Award:</b>	<b>Level:</b>
2023 Q4	\$2,501 to \$5,000






For more information, please read the attached report from Volunteers of America Western Washington.

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## MONTHLY TOTALS

	Total participants served	<b>4053</b>
	Total households served	<b>2360</b>
	New participants served	<b>586</b>
	Direct assistance disbursed	<b>\$819,795</b>
	Calls fielded	3346

## ASSISTANCE DISTRIBUTION

Clothing	\$3,448
Housing:	\$761,627
Utilities:	\$36,535
Food:	\$1,100
Transportation:	\$5,753
Employment	\$11,332

Laundry Outreach: 719 participants served

Library Outreach: 45 participants served

### From Struggles to New Beginnings

At first, the outreach team met John and his friend at the rest area—two individuals living in a van. They were the first people we encountered at the site, both in a tough situation, struggling to get by. Each morning, they came to us for a meal and coffee, but John wasn't ready to take the step into our housing program. There was hesitation, uncertainty, and a sense of resignation. For a while, it seemed like he wasn't interested in changing his circumstances.

As the days went by, we were about to close the site and stop offering housing opportunities, when John finally reached out. He admitted that his living situation had become unbearable. The van he called home was breaking down, and his elderly companion was in and out of the hospital, further adding to the uncertainty. John, just 30 years old, shared his struggles—addicted to fentanyl, feeling trapped, and unable to see a way out. He expressed that his life had been a downward spiral ever since the loss of his mother, and he felt like he was simply going nowhere.

But that moment marked a turning point. With gentle encouragement and support, John decided to take a chance on the housing program, though at first, it was a slow and steady process. Over time, we saw incredible progress. John not only found stable housing, but he also got a new vehicle, renewed his driver's license, and began working on securing employment. One of the most remarkable changes we witnessed was his transformation in addressing his addiction—he is actively working on recovery, step by step.

Today, John looks like a completely different person. His transformation is a testament to his own perseverance and the support system that surrounded him. While the journey wasn't easy, it's clear that John is now on a path to a brighter future. From living in a van to rebuilding his life, John's success story is a powerful reminder that change is possible, and hope can be found even in the darkest times.