



HOME SHARE PROGRAM

What is Home Share?

The Home Share program brings together those who have available housing (Home Provider) with those who express a desire for housing (Home Seeker) within Thurston County. Applicants are pre-screened before being matched on compatibility of lifestyle.

Benefits Include:

- Helps make cost of living more affordable
- Assistance with household chores or transportation
- Increased quality of life
- Providing a greater sense of security
- Giving and receiving companionship

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Home Share is a living arrangement where Home Providers offer accommodation to Home Seekers in exchange for an agreed upon level of support in the form of financial contribution, assistance with household tasks, transportation, or companionship. The Home Provider determines the cost of home sharing. For example, a Provider may ask a Seeker to pay monthly rent and a share of utilities while another Provider may charge a fixed monthly rent that includes utilities. Some Home Providers are willing to reduce rent for an exchange of services provided by the Home Seeker. Each Provider is different based on their needs.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- Reduces housing expenses
- Provides companionship
- Promotes independence
- Greater sense of security in the home
- Help with household chores, errands, or transportation
- Increase quality of life
- Maintain independent living/housing
- Ability to repair and maintain a household

HOW TO APPLY

To apply or learn more, please visit us online or in person at one of our local senior centers. A Home Share staff member will contact you to answer any questions or process your application. Please note that applications are not considered complete until we receive your \$35 application fee. All applicants will be required to consent to a criminal background check and any criminal history will be disclosed to potential matches. Some offenses may result in disqualification from the program.

WHAT IS THE COST?

The cost of a home sharing arrangement is determined by an agreement between the Home Provider and Home Seeker. Rents may include utilities, or there may be additional monthly fees to cover a portion of the household utility bills. Some Providers are willing to reduce or eliminate rent for an exchange of services provided by the Seeker. As with all other terms of the cost of home share, each Provider's needs are unique.

Senior Services for South Sound charges a \$35 application fee for both Seekers and Providers, and a one time \$50 match fee to Providers.

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