

Update: March 14, 2022

In consultation with the Department of Commerce, the Community Action Council of Lewis, Mason and Thurston Counties has made an agreement to share its client files with Thurston County in an effort to expedite funding before an upcoming March 31 deadline for distribution. We appreciate the Commerce Department's support while we worked through concerns about client privacy following the county's acknowledgement that it has turned some files over to law enforcement. While those concerns still remain, we must have faith that assisting these clients get the help they need will be prioritized over breaking confidentiality.

Despite Thurston County's claims, CACLMT has repeatedly stated that no fraud was found in the auditor's review of our organization's practices. Of the five client files that the county says raised concerns, three were not paid. Two of those clients did receive checks because they met the stringent eligibility standards set by the Department of Commerce.

CACLMT looks forward to an amicable resolution that benefits all parties, but most importantly the clients who deserve nothing less than our full support and assistance.