

## **Update: March 9, 2022**

Thurston County's suspension of CACLMT's contract came without warning or provocation. Because the county has suspended our Treasury Rent Assistance Program contracts, we are barred from doing any work to support clients, no matter how much we'd like to. We upheld all obligations and appointments up until the moment the county suspended our contract and it is up to the county to fulfill obligations after that date.

Given the County has indicated they have released, and intend to release, client data to law enforcement, we are currently requesting they provide assurances in writing that they will protect client data and put forth mutually agreed upon conditions in a transitional contract. At this time, they have refused. CACLMT is communicating with the Department of Commerce and complying with any requests for communication and mediation. We are saddened by the events of the past month and feel it is unfortunate that those who need help the most are experiencing harm due to the actions of Thurston County.

As for the renters and landlords mentioned in the county's review of CAC practices, we have confirmed that no payments were provided to anyone who was ineligible. There are no outstanding checks or money that is unaccounted for. The county's review document itself shows there were no findings of fraud.

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