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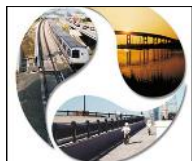
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### James Restucci Appointed to State Commission



Congratulations to Jim Restucci, who has been appointed by Governor Insee to the Washington State Transportation Commission for Eastern WA, for the term ending June 30, 2024. Jim currently serves on the Sunnyside City Council, is Past President of the Association of Washington Cities, served 6 years on the National Association of Regional Councils representing Washington and Oregon on the national stage, is current Chair of the Yakima Valley Transportation Policy Board, as well as Chair of the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments for the past 6 years. Restucci is, "honored by the Governor's trust, and I look forward to working with the other members of the Commission, WSTC Staff, the Governor's Office, Members of the State Legislature, and city and county local appointed and elected officials, as well as citizens at large to provide a transportation plan that addresses the needs of all Washingtonians now and into the future."

### Call for Projects: Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Plan for the Yakima County Region



Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has released the Public Transportation Consolidated Grant Application for July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021. You may access the grant forms and information at

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Transit/Grants/competitive.htm>

To be eligible for this grant program, projects must address identified needs in the Yakima Valley Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. The 2018 HSTP and Amendment may be accessed at <https://www.yvcog.org/plans-projects/transportation/hstp2018/>

If you are planning to apply for grant funds through the WSDOT Consolidated Grant Application, **the projects must first be submitted to WSDOT BY 9/14/18 for eligibility review, followed by MPACT review by October 19th.**

Submit a completed **Proposed Project Summary** form for each project to the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) by 12:00 noon on October 19, 2018.

**Electronic submittals ONLY** – please send email to [alan.adolf@yvcog.org](mailto:alan.adolf@yvcog.org).

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### Yakima County 2018 Homeless Point-in-Time Count Report



The Homeless Point-in-Time (PIT) count is a requirement by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD requires communities to submit a count of the homeless population in their area as well as information on specific sub-populations, including chronically homeless persons, veterans, and unaccompanied youth.

For 2018, the date of the count was Thursday, January 25.

A digital copy of the 2018 PIT Report can be found here:  
<https://www.yvcog.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/2018-Yakima-County-PIT-Count-Report-May-31-2018.pdf>

Questions or comments? Please contact  
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Yakima Valley Conference of Governments  
Homeless Housing & Assistance Program Manager

### Grant Research and Grant Writing at YVCOG



Are you looking for some help with grants, but you're not sure how **YVCOG's Grant Services Program** works?

We have it covered!

You have the option of paying one lump sum, and drawing down the funds as you use them. OR, you can be billed as you go, at a slightly higher rate.

Questions? Ask our EXPERT Grant Writer and Researcher Brian Galloway.  
509-574-1550 or [brian.galloway@yvcog.org](mailto:brian.galloway@yvcog.org)

### Calendar



#### AUGUST 2018

- 9 Transportation Advisory Committee meeting
- 15-16 **Policies & Procedures** workshop by Jordan Peabody. Cost: \$150 for members, \$200 for non-members. Plus, \$25 workbook fee. Turn those dreaded policy manuals into lean, mean, working machines that people actually use.
- 20 Transportation Policy Board and Executive Committee meetings
- 29 **Writing in Plain Talk** workshop by Jordan Peabody  
Cost: \$75 members, \$85 non-members. As a government agency, you need to use plain language or writing that the typical customer can act upon after a single reading. Writing in Plain Talk allows government to excel at what it does best - serve the public.
- 28 MPACT meeting

#### SEPTEMBER 2018

- 13 TAC meeting
- 17 Policy Board and Executive Committee meetings
- 19 General Membership meeting-Legislative Update