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South Kelso homes in need of rehabilitation sought for youth construction training program

KELSO, Wash. (February 2, 2016) – The South Kelso Neighborhood Association, in partnership with the Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council (SWWDC), City of Kelso, Cowlitz County, Lower Columbia CAP, Goodwill, ESD112 and others, is seeking South Kelso homes in need of repair for a youth workforce training program.

The group is looking for homes in need of rehabilitation (i.e., new roof, weatherization and/or other structural problems, seniors and individuals with disabilities needing accessibility ramps, etc.) that can be worked on by local youth as a way to develop their construction skills and aid South Kelso neighbors in need.

Home owners in the South Kelso neighborhood that have significant home repairs that are beyond their means and ability to fix should call 360-425-3430, ext. 207 and leave a detailed message that includes: their full name, address of the proposed site, phone number and email, length of residency at the project location, reason for need and type of assistance needed.

The project is funded through SWWDC and community partners as part of its youth workforce preparation program and there are no costs to home owners. Property to be rehabilitated must be occupied by the owner.

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Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council (SWWDC), a nonprofit organization founded in 2002, contributes to regional economic growth by providing investments and resources to improve the skills and education of the workforce in Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties. SWWDC helps businesses find and hire the employees they need and provides people the skills, education and training to find work or advance in their careers. SWWDC partners with employers, community colleges and universities, labor groups, government and economic development agencies, high schools and community organizations. Learn more at www.swwdc.org.