

OICF Community Needs Assessment
Social Services Sector
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- * Increase in demand for rental assistance, weatherization, alternate energy. Demand for ownership housing still going strong.
- * Homeless shelter support – DVSAS grant
- * Hearts in Hands needs volunteers. Also need to find a way to allow elders to ask for help. Transportation for elders.
- * How to help the “slightly” over income people.
- * The population of seniors is growing.
- * Anyone working on Orcas/San Juans working on “wages” vs cost of living.
- * Adult education/ continuing ed
 - structure or organization needed to boost educ. such as a Spanish Club
- * Mental health issues for struggling families.
- * Need to learn what’s out there that we’re not addressing.
- * Money for legal representation.
- * Service directory, especially for First Responders.
- * Are there any needs assessments already done? The biggest need is getting responses.
- * Growing awareness of need to support middle-aged, maybe w/ families.
- * Spanish speaking outreach: low income and unsupervised kids.
- * *Love and Logic* weekend seminar.
- * Parent education.
- * NPO Fair
- * Build the awareness of the need throughout the community
- * OICC – desire to reach out to all islanders
- * Maintain strong Boards of Directors for island NPOs