



KCRHA
King County Regional Homelessness Authority

Lake Forest Park Council Briefing

May 14, 2026

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 - Forensic Evaluation
 - Winter Severe Weather Response
 - Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Debrief
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KCRHA Milestones and Updates

KCRHA Founded
by Interlocal Agreement
between the City of Seattle
and King County

2019

Meetings Begin
KCRHA's original governing
bodies begin to meet to
plan and make initial hires

2020

**Pandemic
Disruption**

2021

First CEO Hired
in April 2021, expanding
to 32 staff by the
end of the year

Grants Transfer
In early 2022, grants began
to transfer to KCRHA for
oversight and distribution

2022

Severe Weather
response was fully absorbed
by KCRHA in summer 2022,
after year-long transition

North King County
Five cities sign an Interlocal
Agreement, becoming formal
partners with KCRHA

2023

**5-Year Plan
Approved**

New CEO
Dr. Kelly Kinnison joins
KCRHA as the new
Chief Executive Officer

2024

Updated ILA
an updated Interlocal
Agreement is signed by
City of Seattle & King County

Grants Management
Transitioned to Salesforce
for contract and invoice
management improvements

2025

East King County
Bellevue & Redmond became
formal partners with KCRHA
through an Interlocal Agreement.

● CEO transitions



KCRHA in North King County

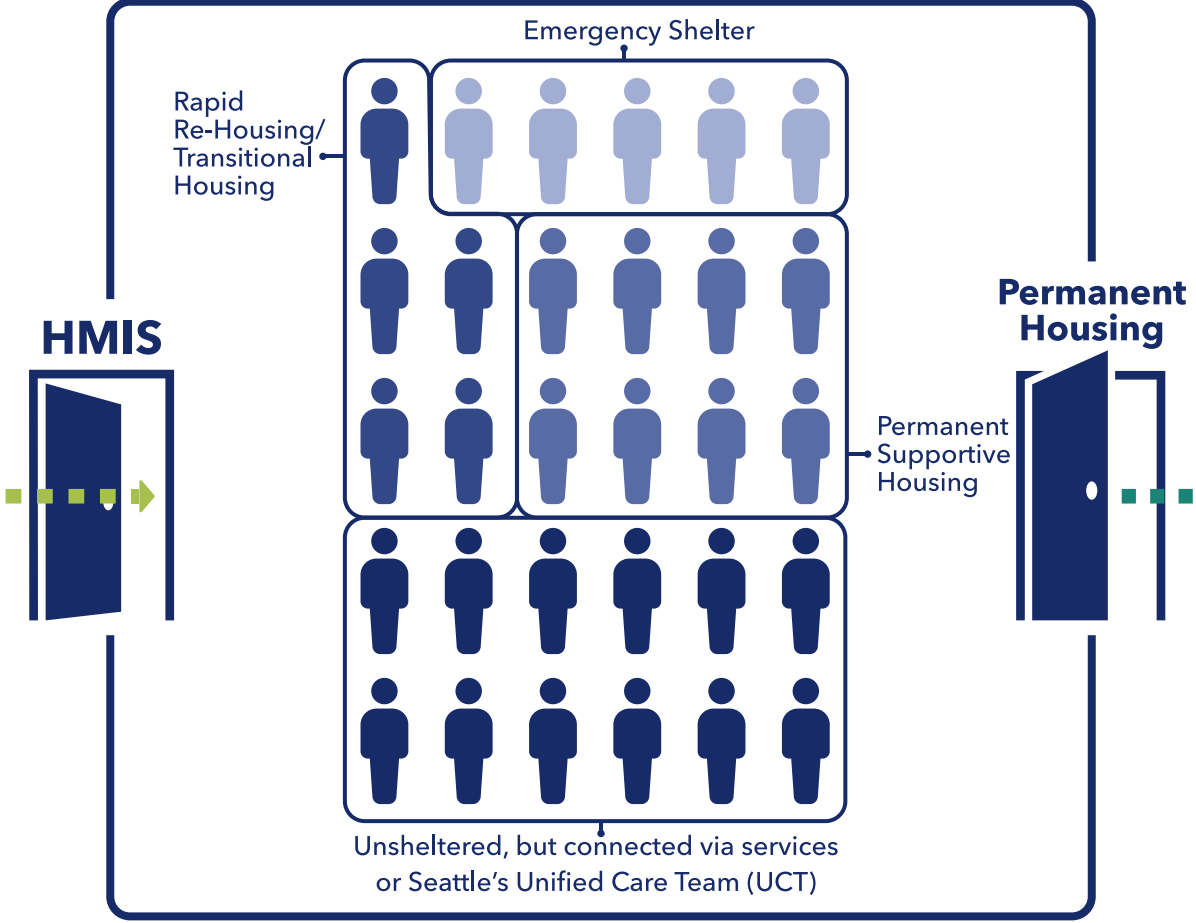
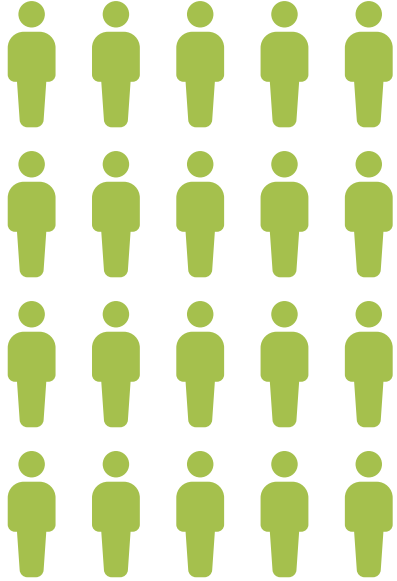
- NKC ILA Update
- Provides \$278,413 for FY 2026, which supports:
 - Enhanced shelter
 - Street Outreach
 - Severe Weather Response
- Calendar Year 2025 funds supported 3,853 clients.

2026 Approved NKC Budget						
Project/Provider	Bothell	Kenmore	Lake Forest Park	Shoreline	Woodinville	Total
Porchlight	\$ 8,487.20				\$ 8,293.98	\$ 16,781.18
Friends of Youth	\$ 8,487.20				\$ 8,886.42	\$ 17,373.62
Hopelink	\$ 21,218.00	\$ 3,182.70		\$ 27,318.18		\$ 51,718.88
LCP: Enhanced Selter	\$ 6,365.40	\$ 5,304.50		\$ 26,593.58		\$ 38,263.48
LCP: Housing Outreach		\$ 20,600.00		\$ 47,740.50		\$ 68,340.50
Mary's Place		\$ 5,150.00		\$ 5,304.50		\$ 10,454.50
The Sophia Way	\$ 10,609.00					\$ 10,609.00
Severe Weather	\$ 8,741.61	\$ 7,648.78	\$ 17,339.35	\$ 27,317.66	\$ 3,824.39	\$ 64,871.79
Total Available Funding	\$ 63,908.41	\$ 41,885.98	\$ 17,339.35	\$ 134,274.42	\$ 21,004.79	\$ 278,412.95




The Homelessness Response System (HRS) currently serves around 30,000 households.

Each year, around 20,000 households enter the HRS via the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).



Each year, around 18,000 households exit the HRS.



+  This creates an increase of around 2,000 households each year being served in the HRS, either unsheltered or sheltered.



System Performance: Current State

- 85-95% shelter utilization rate
- Annual throughput is approx. 90% of inflow
- 90% of providers have aligned (braided) funding and data reporting (HMIS)
- Standardized systems, practices, standards, monitoring, compliance, and reporting across over 90% of the system
- Inflow continues to exceed exits



KCRHA Forensic Evaluation

Background:

- Time period: April 2021-July 2025
- Key Points:
 - Did not identify evidence of fraud or misuse of funds.
 - Discussed issues with financial practices during KCRHA's early formation.
 - Identified highest-risk areas and recommendations
- KCRHA has made meaningful progress since its establishment.

Moving Forward

- Immediate actions KCRHA has implemented include
 - Strategy/Timeline on \$8M reconciliation
 - Improved P-Card controls/process
 - Improved expense approval processes
- Next steps: KCRHA is working with the City and County on a corrective action plan to be provided May 23



Winter Severe Weather Response

- Time Period: Dec 10 - March 13 at St. Dunstan's Shelter
- Longest activation: 8 days in February
 - Feb 14-17 Tier 2 dropping into Tier 3 for Feb 18-20, before returning to Tier 2 on Feb 21 and 22.
- Date with highest Utilization: February 20, 2026
 - 16 people sought shelter.
- Winter total: 650 *bed nights
 - 140 people came through the doors and stayed overnight.
 - Meals were served each night.
 - No turn aways.



**Bed night = number of beds in use on each night of an activation*

Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Overview

2,000+

Surveys collected

RDS

x3

28

Sites (+ phone line)

150+

Volunteers

Key Context

- The sample size and data sites increased from last unsheltered count
- University of Washington storing and housing surveys to create estimates
- Third consecutive use of Respondent Driven Sampling (RDS) methodology



Timeline & Next Steps

Jan 2026	KCRHA conducted count
Feb 2026	Initial volunteer and staff debriefs; Volunteer, staff & provider appreciation activities (thank you cards); closeout
March 2026	Data cleaning, volunteer survey distributed, focus groups with providers started
April 2026	Focus groups with volunteers and people with lived experience, volunteer survey closes
May 2026	In person volunteer appreciation, volunteer survey results back
Spring 2026	Preliminary findings presented
Fall 2026	In-depth analysis and full report expected



Note: The University of Washington, in partnership with KCRHA, will produce the PIT Count population estimate. Raw survey counts do not represent the final estimate. Preliminary results are expected in spring 2026.



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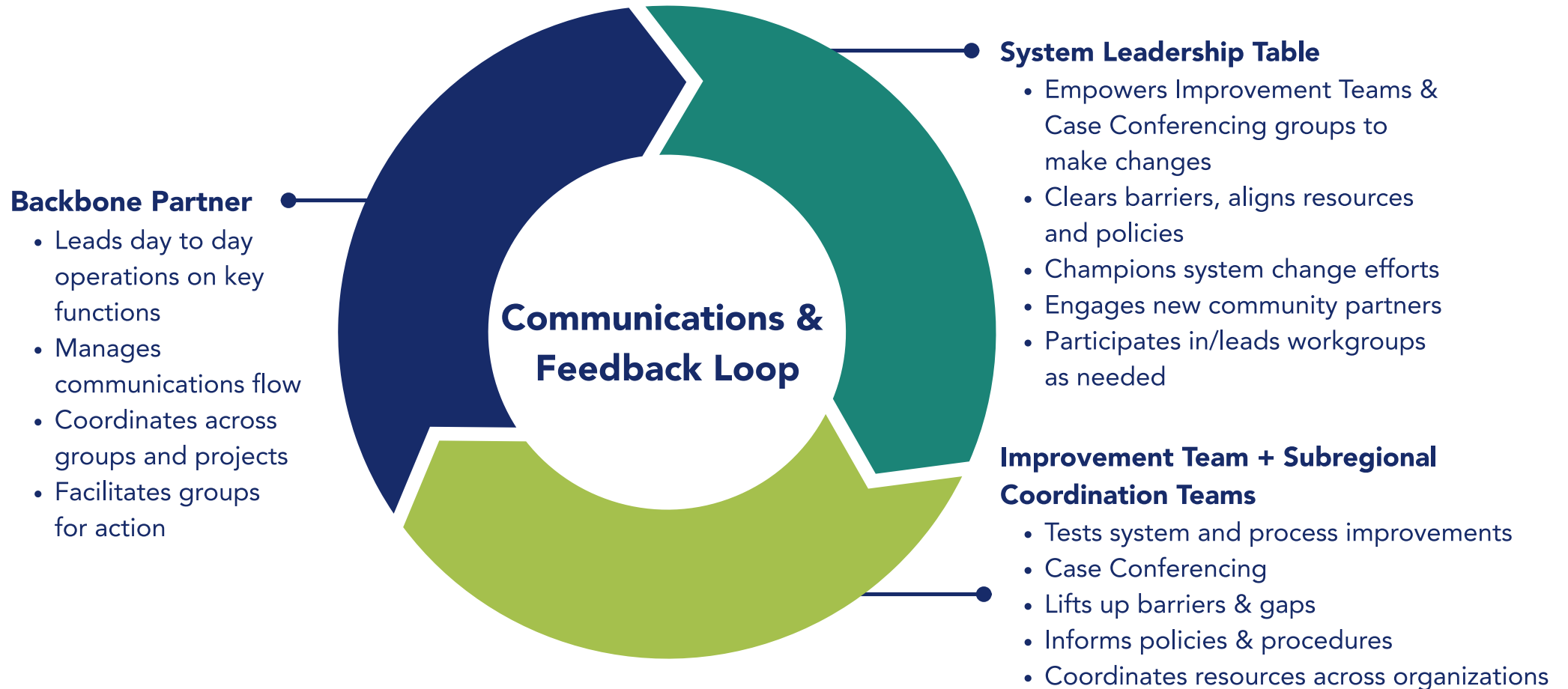
Subregional Strategy: Collective Impact

Indicators of Progress: Regional Five-Year Plan

- Homelessness response is better coordinated, less fragmented
- Outcomes are measured, not assumed
- Populations can access differentiated pathways
- People with lived experience are partners in the work
- The system tracks inflow, capacity, and outflow
- KCRHA exists as the central accountability and coordination mechanism (backbone agency)



The Collaborative Structure



Regional Objective: Core Services Baseline



Unsheltered persons in King County can access a set of essential programs.



Subregions offer a consistent baseline of services: Shelter, Navigators, Housing.



Emphasis is on care continuity and clarity and assist individuals through complex systems.



Subregional Coordination with KCRHA is critical. NKC contact: William Towey.





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