

Strengthening Regional Partnership

*The North King County ILA with
King County Regional Homelessness Authority*

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KCRHA
King County Regional Homelessness Authority

Our **mission** is to significantly decrease the incidence of homelessness throughout King County, using equity and social justice principles.

Our **theory of change:**

If we create a homelessness response system that centers customer voice (the voices of those who have lived experience of homelessness), then we will be able to focus on responding to needs and eliminating inequities, in order to end homelessness for all.



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PURPOSE AND STRUCTURE

The Interlocal Agreement (ILA) describes the role, scope, and purpose of the KCRHA:

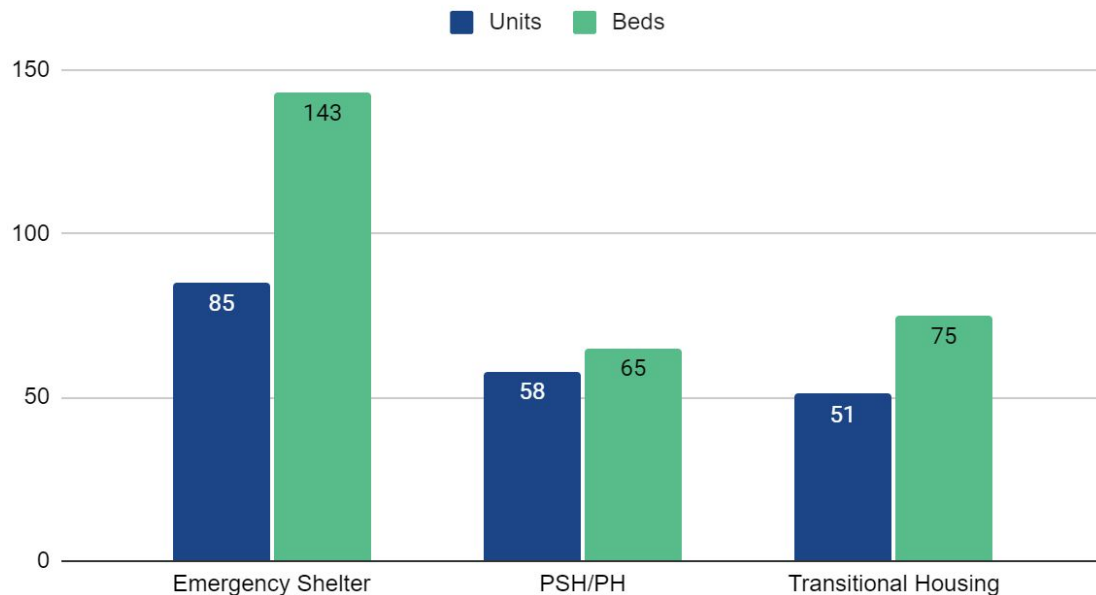
- Unified planning and coordination of funding and services for people experiencing homelessness countywide.
- Oversight on policy, contract management, and performance management.
- Continuum of Care functions, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to receive federal funding, formerly housed within “All Home”.
- Creation of a new Ombuds Office to serve as a single point of contact for customers. For more information reach out to: **Katara Jordan** at katara.jordan@kcrha.org
- Establishment of clear metrics and milestones for measuring success and for ensuring accountability and transparency.



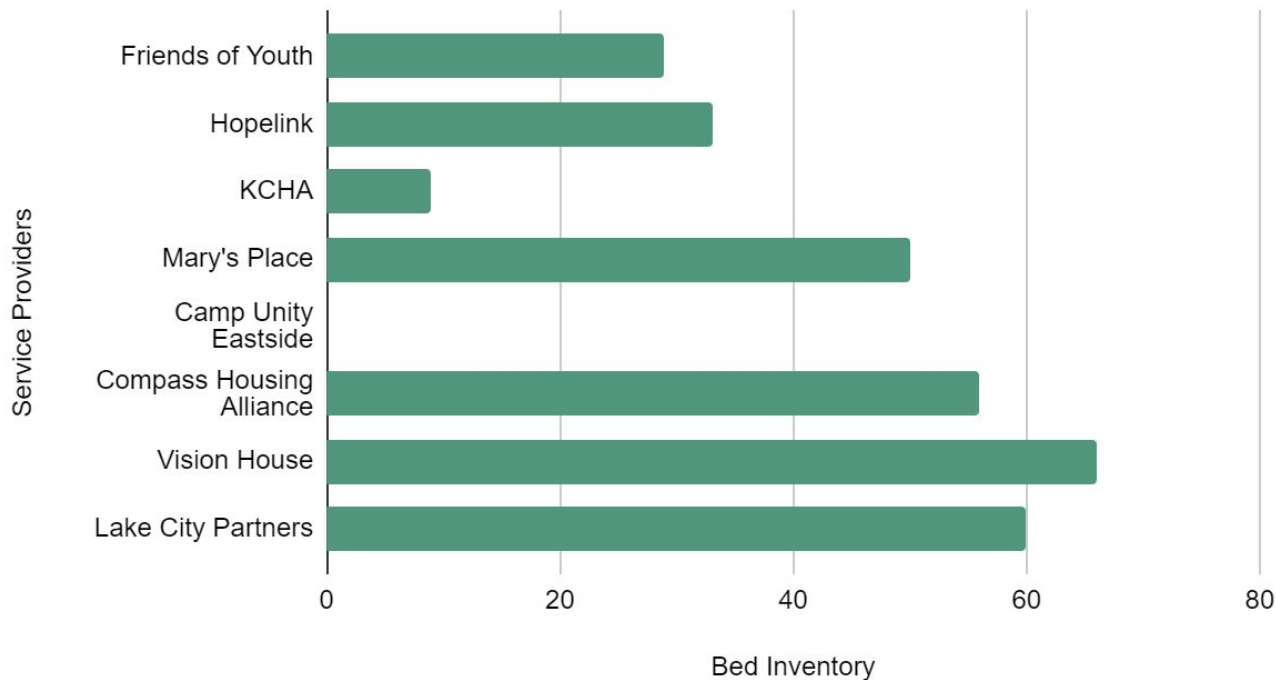
INFRASTRUCTURE	Housing Capital and Development	✓	✓	✗
	CoC Funded Programs	✗	✗	✓
	Shelter			✓
PROGRAMS	Diversion	✗	✗	✓
	Rapid Re-Housing	✗	✗	✓
	Coordinated Entry	✗	✗	✓
	HMIS	✗	✗	✓
OTHER SERVICES	Outreach	✓	✗	✓
	Encampment Cleans	✓	✓	✗
	Behavioral Health and Crisis Response	✓	✓	✗

North King County Unit & Bed Count 2022

Units and Beds

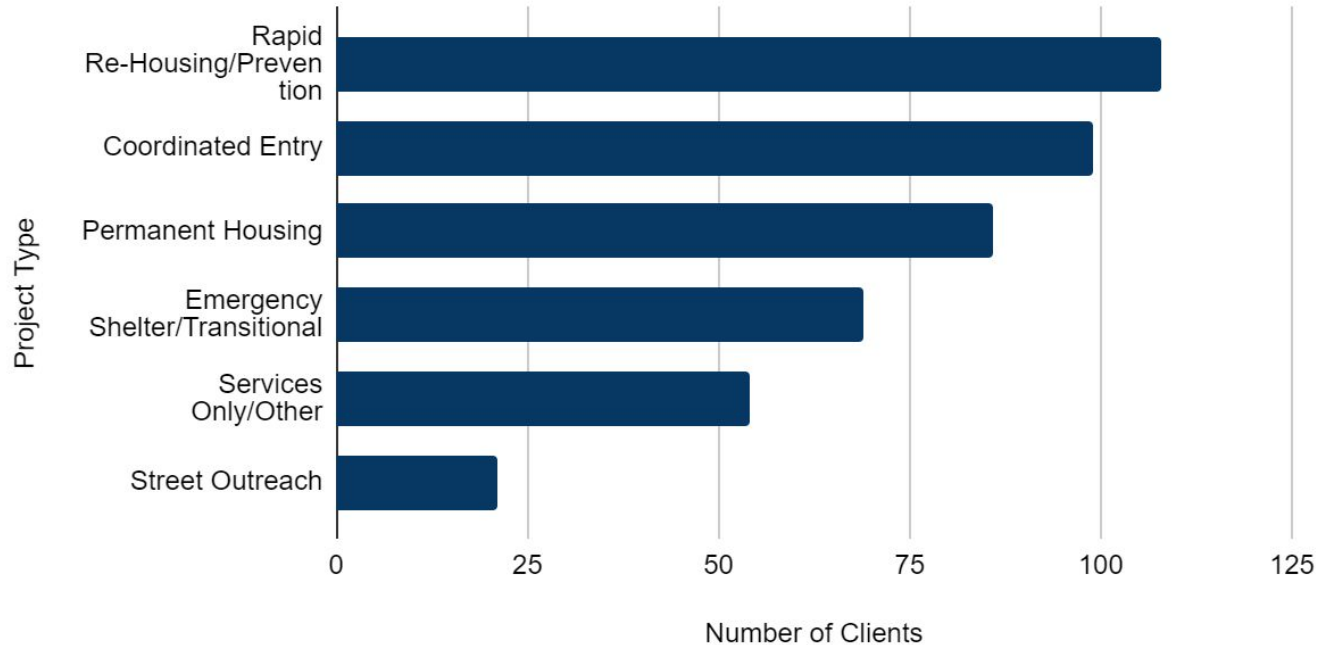


Bed Inventory vs. Service Providers





City of Last Residence by Active Clients in HMIS for North King County by Project Type -- March 2022



Inspiration through Local Expertise

Looked to existing sub-regional collaborations such as A
Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) and South King County
Homelessness and Housing Partners (SKHHP)

Rooted in the sub-regional approach



The North King County Coalition on Homelessness

Originally convened to identify a space to establish the Oaks shelter.

Purpose:

“Work together across sectors and jurisdictions in North King County in support of policies and community-based efforts to provide services and housing options for those in the North King County communities who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of becoming homeless.”

Members:

- Government: Bothell, Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, Shoreline, Woodinville
- Non-Government: Bothell United Methodist Church, Health Care for the Homeless, Hopelink, Interfaith Task Force on Homeless, Lake City Partners Ending Homelessness, Lived Experience Coalition, North Sound Radar Navigator Program, North Urban Human Services Alliance, Ronald United Methodist Church.

Timeline



January & February

KCRHA Sub-Regional Planning staff regularly met with city staff from North King County cities to discuss avenues for partnership.

March

KCRHA presented to the North King County Coalition on Homelessness on the concept of pooling funding for an ILA.

Received feedback and guidance from the Coalition.

April & May

Staff reviewed and incorporated feedback from the Coalition.

June

North King County city staff co-presented with KCRHA staff a proposal for a North King County ILA.

Unanimous affirmation from the Coalition to move forward.

July & August

Presentations to North King County City Councils.

- Kenmore (7/11)
- Woodinville (7/19)
- Lake Forest Park (7/28)
- Shoreline (8/15)
- Bothell (9/6)

**Pooled funding on homelessness
response through the KCRHA will
improve:**

Transparency, Efficiency, Accountability



Transparency

An annual report to city council including metrics such as:

- HMIS origin city data,
- North King County sub-regional outcomes and activities,
- Progress on funding administration and distribution.

KCRHA staff can accommodate additional presentations/reports to council per request.



Efficiency

Eased administrative burden for providers and public funders.

One less system for providers to navigate.

Streamlined funding and contract management.

Accountability

An ILA will support improved accountability through:

- Defining the relationship between KCRHA and a partnering city
- Reporting on funding distribution
- Improved metrics

With greater confidence, we will be able to share what the impact of public funding was for the North King County sub-region.



The Mechanics

Funding Contribution

For cities are providing funding for the 2023-2024 cycle:

- For 2023 - 2024 budget, funding amount already allocated stays the same
- For 2025 - 2026 budget, funding allocation earmarked to KCRHA

For cities currently not providing funding:

- Determined by per-capita with amount based on average across NKC cities ~ \$1.20 per capita

For Lake Forest Park, this would be a contribution of about \$15,000

Funding Distribution

Funding pooled within North King County will be maintained within the North King County sub-region to ensure residents have access to services.



Local Authority

For the 2023-2024 funding year, cities who have made funding awards will be maintained in amount but contract will shift to KCRHA where dollars will be administered.



Duration & Withdrawal

- 4 year agreement (2023/2024 FY, 2025/2026 FY)
- 90 day written notice provided to other parties of agreement



Next Steps

Questions?

