

King County Crisis Care Centers Levy



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Why a Behavioral Health Levy?



Families and People in Crisis need places to go for help instead of waiting for a crisis to get worse.



Law Enforcement and First Responders need better, more equitable, and faster options than jail and emergency rooms.



Mobile Crisis Teams need access to places where people in crisis can get immediate help when outreach is not enough.



Hospitals need to preserve capacity for the most medically complex patients & need places that divert less severe cases.



988 needs places to send callers needing higher-level care.

Crisis Care Centers Levy

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1.

Create five new regional crisis care centers:



Distributed geographically across the county, the centers will provide walk-in access and the potential for short-term stays to help people stabilize, depending on needs, with one center specifically serving youth.

Currently

One 46-bed crisis center for 2.3 million people in our county



2.

Preserve and restore the dramatic loss of residential treatment beds:



In 2018, 355 beds providing community-based residential care for people with mental health residential needs existed in King County. Today, only 244 of these beds are available.

Currently

Loss of 1 in 3 of our residential treatment beds in recent years



As of July 2022, people waited an average of 44 days for a mental health residential bed.



3.

Grow the behavioral health workforce pipeline:



The proposal will create career pathways through apprenticeship programming and access to higher education, credentialing, training, and wrap-around supports. It will also invest in equitable wages for the workforce at crisis care centers.

Currently

Historic labor shortages

A 2021 King County survey of member organizations of the King County Integrated Care Network found that job vacancies at community behavioral health agencies

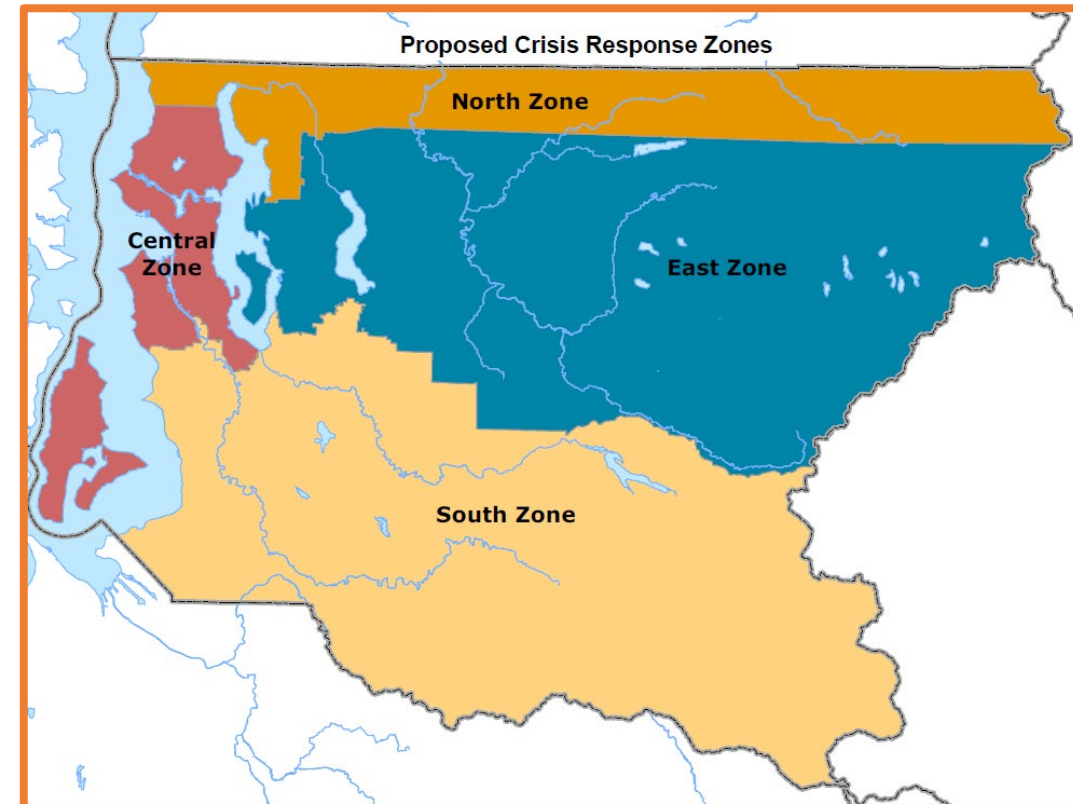
were at least double what they were in 2019.



Crisis Care Centers

Currently, King County is **without a walk-in behavioral health urgent care facility**. Only one 46-bed behavioral health crisis facility is in operation for 2.3 million residents in the entire county. CCC would:

- Offer immediate on-site crisis support 24/7
- Accept any person with our without insurance
- Provide crisis stabilization bed for up to 14 days



Residential Treatment

King County has lost **one-third** of residential treatment beds at a time our region needs more behavioral health care facilities. Residential treatment facilities provide:

- 24/7 treatment in a safe, supportive environment
- Access to treatment and recovery in a community-based setting
- A pathway to independent living



Workforce: It takes people to care for people

- Invest in systemwide supports to increase the sustainability and representativeness of the entire behavioral health workforce
- Make specific investments to support robust, sustainable, and representative staffing



Projected Costs for a 14.5 cent, 9-year Countywide Levy

| | 2022 Median Assessed Value | <i>Estimated</i> 2024 Median Assessed Value | <i>Estimated</i> 2024 Annual Payment | <i>Estimated</i> 2024 Monthly Payment |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| Auburn | \$433,000 | \$522,544 | \$75.77 | \$6.31 |
| Kent | \$467,000 | \$563,576 | \$81.72 | \$6.81 |
| Renton | \$534,000 | \$644,431 | \$93.44 | \$7.79 |
| Countywide Median | \$694,000 | \$837,519 | \$121.44 | \$10.12 |
| Seattle | \$760,000 | \$917,168 | \$132.99 | \$11.08 |
| Bothell | \$758,000 | \$914,754 | \$132.64 | \$11.05 |
| Redmond | \$1,005,000 | \$1,212,834 | \$175.86 | \$14.66 |
| Bellevue | \$1,107,000 | \$1,335,928 | \$193.71 | \$16.14 |

Proposed at \$0.145 per \$1,000 of Assessed Value (AV)

- Assessed values often differ from sale prices
- Levy period would begin in 2024

This projection *estimates* 2024 median AV by applying a 20.68% growth factor to 2022 median AV. The Assessor's 2022 Median AV by city is [available online](#).

Timeline for **Crisis Care Centers** Levy Development

Problem Identification & Initial Concept Development



Early to Mid '22

CCC Proposal Development & Finalization



AUG-SEP '22

Council & RPC Consider CCC Ballot Measure Ordinance



OCT '22-JAN '23

Voter Consideration in April 2023 Election

APR '23

***If Approved:*
Council & RPC Consider CCC Implementation Plan**

2024

Coalition Forms to Develop a Policy Proposal



JUL-AUG '22

Coalition CCC Levy Announcement & Exec. Transmits Proposed Ballot Measure



SEP '22

Latest Potential Enactment of CCC Ballot Measure Ordinance

Early FEB '23

***If Approved:*
Executive Implementation Plan Development**

APR-FALL '23

Questions?

Learn more at: bit.ly/CCCLevy

