

THE VETERANS, SENIORS AND HUMAN SERVICES LEVY

The Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy (VSHSL) connects veterans and servicemembers, residents age 55 or older and resilient communities to affordable housing, employment, behavioral health treatment, and other programs and services that help them, their families, and caregivers live healthy, productive and meaningful lives. VSHSL is focused on achieving results in five areas: Housing Stability, Financial Stability, Healthy Living, Social Engagement, and Service System Access and Improvement.



71%

Over 2,000 seniors accessed evidence-based senior health promotion programming in 2021. In 2021, 71% of survey respondents **reported experiencing improvements in health and wellness.**

More than 980

survivors received Mobile Advocacy services in 2020 and 2021. Eighty-one percent of survivors were connected to an advocate within one day of reaching out to an organization.

29,000 seniors

In 2021, Senior Hubs served over 29,000 seniors across 22 hubs. Senior Hubs serve as recognized resource centers on aging services and provide support, outreach, connection, and opportunities for social engagement to elders throughout King County.

VSHSL has contributed capital funding to build the recently opened Othello Park Apartments operated by the Low Income Housing Institute, a 93-unit project that includes 30 units specifically for veterans and senior veterans.



The King County Veterans Program (KCVP) provides wraparound services to more than 2,000 veterans every year, working directly with them on multiple goals such as housing, financial stability and healthy living.



10,700 counseling hours

Since 2018, an average of 278 veterans and 34 military family members received mental health counseling each year. In 2020 and 2021 combined, more than 10,700 counseling hours were provided, which averages to 18 hours of counseling per veteran or family member each year.

In 2021, KCVP implemented the Collaborative Case Management Pilot to support more than 140 veterans in finding housing with VASH vouchers.



In the last half of 2021, the Domestic Violence Hotline received almost 6,000 calls or texts to assist those in crisis. Of those contacts, more than 2,700 received referrals for additional support.





501

95%

Caregiver respite programs have provided much needed breaks for almost **800 caregivers of veterans, older adults and persons with disabilities** to date. Over the last two years, 95 percent of caregiver survey respondents reported feeling reduced stress due to program assistance.

VSHSL funded a Nonprofit Wage & Benefits Survey in 2021. Results show an underinvestment in human services and a lack of sustainable wages in the nonprofit sector, helping open discussions for funders and community providers to begin addressing the problem.

More than 230 nonprofits that are based in and serving King County, employing more than 20,000 people, responded to the wage and benefits survey.



197 unique individuals

were eligible for and served by GRAT's home-visiting team of behavioral health and human services intervention team to date. 91 percent of those served had at least one case plan need met.



Since programming started, over **1,000 individuals with lived experience in the sex trade** have been served each year by the Countywide Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Collaborative providers.



Over **3,000 individuals**

Levy to date, VSHSL's Leverage Government Benefits programs served over 3,000 individuals, helping them to gain employment and increase household income.

293 additional shelter beds

VSHSL contributed capital funding to support construction of new shelters to add 293 additional shelter beds for individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the region.



337 individuals

coming home after incarceration were supported with community-based reentry supports.

Of the individuals who have engaged for at least 3 months, 65% had at least one barrier removed to help with reentry to community such as stable housing, employment, and/or meeting basic needs such as food and clothing.

1,300 veterans and family members served per year

In 2020 and 2021, Vets Engaged programs served more than **1,300 veterans and/or their family members each year**. Vets Engaged programs seek to build community among isolated veterans and their families to King County's broader community.

In 2021, almost **100 individuals were supported through Kinship Care programs**. 88% of caregivers supported are informal caretakers who otherwise don't qualify for traditional state or federal caregiver benefits

