

Affordable Housing and Homelessness



The 2023-2024 budget will create more affordable and supportive housing, prevent people from becoming homeless, and support the King County Regional Homelessness Authority in successful crisis response for people living outside and in shelters.

Key investments include:

Reducing homelessness

- **Continuing Health Through Housing investments:** Fund the ongoing operations, maintenance, and rehabilitation of 1,600 units of permanent supportive housing in former hotels across the county.
- **Supporting housing operations:** Up to \$30 million to fund operations, maintenance, and services for existing and new supportive housing sites.
- **Opening a sobering center:** \$5.7 million to add a sobering center site to the SODO shelter hub. Sobering center operations will be funded through the American Rescue Plan.

Funding affordable housing

- **Building affordable housing near transit:** \$45 million in bonds backed by lodging tax revenues will be issued in 2023 to fund affordable housing near transit stations.
- **Providing rental assistance:** \$20.5 million to community-based organizations to provide rental assistance for residents.
- **Supporting essential needs:** \$28 million to help individuals with time-limited rent assistance and services connected to housing stability and essential needs items, such as personal hygiene and transportation.

Partnering on regional approaches to homelessness

- **Make homelessness rare, one-time, and brief by supporting the King County Regional Homelessness Authority:** \$89 million to continue funding a coordinated crisis response to homelessness led by the King County Regional Homelessness Authority.