



King County

Urban Consortium Joint Recommendations Committee

Meeting Materials for Thursday, March 24th 2016

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King County
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Coordinator

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Agenda

JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE (JRC) MEETING

Thursday, March 24, 2016

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

**South Renton Treatment Plant Admin Building
1200 Monster Road S.W., Renton, WA 98057**

[Directions and map](#)

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wtd/About/System/South.aspx>

- I. Welcome and Introductions**
- II. Updates** 10 Min
 - Info Items
 - Coordinated Entry
 - State Legislative Items
 - Housing Finance Program's Proposed Schedule for 2016 Capital Funding Round for 2017 Funds
- III. January 28, 2016 Meeting Minutes** 5 Min
 - Attachment A – Action Item All
- IV. Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report** 5 Min
 - Info Item
- V. Public Meeting Regarding Community Development and Housing Needs: Public Input** 20 Min
- VI. JRC 2016 Calendar – Finalize scheduled meeting dates** 10 Min
 - Attachment B
- VII. ARCH Affordable Housing Award Recommendations for North/East Sub-region 2016 CDBG Funds** 20 Min
 - Attachment C – Action Item  CDBG Consortium City Members Only
- VIII. Round Table Discussion / Other Items**

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Next Meeting:

Date April 28, 2016 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Location: South Renton Treatment Plant, Renton WA

JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, January 28, 2016

9:30 am – 11:30 am

South Renton Treatment Plant Admin Building

Members Present:

Ken Hearing, Mayor, City of North Bend, JRC Chair (Sound Cities Association)
Dan Grausz, Councilmember, City of Mercer Island
Pam Fernald, Councilmember, City of SeaTac (Sound Cities Association)
De'Sean Quinn, Councilmember, City of Tukwila
Leslie Miller, Human Services Coordinator, City of Kirkland Parks and Community Services
Jeff Watson, Community Services Manager, City of Federal Way
Colleen Kelly, Assistant Director, Planning & Community Development, City of Redmond
John Starbard, Director, King County Department of Permitting and Environmental Review
Terry Mark, Deputy Director, King County Department of Community and Human Services
Gary Prince, Transit Oriented Development Manager, King County Department of Transportation

Members Not Present:

Carol Ann Witscht, Councilmember, City of Renton
Dana Hinman, Director of Administration, City of Auburn
Dan Stroh, (Alternate) Planning Director, City of Bellevue
Steve Walker, Director of Housing, City of Seattle

King County Staff:

Kathy Tremper, Coordinator, Housing and Community Development, HCD
David Mecklenburg, Project Manager, HCD
Mark Ellerbrook, Regional Housing and Community Development Manager, HCD
Clark Fulmer, Program Coordinator, Housing Repair Program
Kira Zylstra, Assistant Director, All Home
Al D'Alessandro, Program Manager, Housing Finance Program
Valerie Kendall, Program Manager, HCD
Elaine Goddard, Administrative Staff Assistant, Community Services Division, CSD

Guests:

Doreen Booth, Sound Cities Association
Merina Hanson, City of Kent
Stacy Hansen, City of Tukwila
Colleen Brandt-Schluter, City of SeaTac
Lori Fleming, City of Burien
Diane Utecht, City of Renton

I. **Welcome and Introductions**

Mayor Ken Hearing opened the meeting at 9:39 am. He welcomed guests and asked for introductions.

II. **Approval of November 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes Attachment A – Action Item All**

MOTION: Gary Prince made a motion to accept the November 19, 2015 meeting minutes as written. Pam Fernald seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. **Elect 2016 JRC Chair and Vice Chair Discussion - Action Item All**

Nominations were solicited from the floor. Councilmember De'Sean Quinn nominated Mayor Ken Hearing for Committee Chair. No other nominations were made. A vote was taken and Mayor Hearing was approved unanimously. Gary Prince thanked Mayor Hearing for past service and looks forward to his continued leadership.

Councilmember Dan Grausz nominated Councilmember De'Sean Quinn for Vice Chair. No other nominations were made. A vote was taken and approval was unanimous.

IV. **Review JRC Consortium Procedures, Meeting Location and 2016 JRC Work Plan Attachment B – Action Item All**

Kathy Tremper asked for input to the proposed JRC 2016 Meeting Calendar. Meetings are planned to continue to be held on the 4th Thursday of each month. The calendar included proposed agenda items. It may be possible to adjust the agenda and cancel some meetings if no additional pertinent topics come up. Mark Ellerbrook commented that the Interlocal Cooperative Agreements (ICA) are up to be renewed at the end of 2017. He proposed beginning discussions early in order to surface and resolve issues in an orderly process, rather than have surprises at the end. This could perhaps begin in May. Terry Mark suggested adding an update on the legislative session at the March meeting. The session is scheduled to end March 10 and it would be good to hear what happened with the JRC Priorities. Leslie Miller asked about the meeting scheduled for July 8. That meeting is not a JRC meeting, but it is a forum where JRC issues will be discussed, and members are encouraged to attend. Last year there was no July or August meeting. The only current item on the July agenda is the Housing Repair Program. The calendar could be reconfigured to get this in earlier, and then take a summer hiatus. Mayor Hearing commented that it would be easier to cancel closer to the date if nothing comes up than to add an additional meeting later. The calendar will be reconfigured based on discussion and will be up for adoption next month.

Kathy reaffirmed that the current location is acceptable. The room is scheduled for the year.

Kathy and Mark asked the group whether they would like a rule regarding alternates. When a member cannot attend and no alternate has been designated, can members send a staff representative to take their place for that meeting? Alternates need to be empowered to vote. Some members are restricted from sending an alternate. It was agreed to keep the current rule as is.

**V. Housing Repair Program, 2015 Update
Attachment C – Information item**

Clark Fulmer shared status on the King County Housing Repair Program. Since there are several new faces on the JRC, Clark explained how the program works. HRP provides both deferred payment loans as well as grants to low-moderate income homeowners in order to help them maintain their home. The attachments give a snapshot representing activities in 2015. There were a lower number of units assisted than past years due to several factors, including funding issues and staffing. Some long-term field staff retired last year. Field staff must be able to communicate with homeowners, understand how to qualify people and they need a strong construction background. New staff are on a steep learning curve. Funding has been very tight, while demand is high. The program tries to maintain a balance in case of emergencies. They are currently waiting for the next HUD grant to come in. In 2015 the program was fortunate to receive some HOME funds which help to reduce backlog. Gary asked whether there would be HOME funding in 2016. It is hopeful, but not guaranteed. There always seems to be more demand than resources.

In addition, the Housing Repair Program brings in some income when deferred loans are paid back. This money does not go directly back to HRP, but goes into the general CDBG pool, and is subject to their rules. Currently 20 percent of CDBG funding goes toward the Housing Repair Program. Some HRP staff costs come from the administration pool, while some are direct program costs. There was some concern that HRP income was being dispersed to the overall CDBG program. Ken requested that this be discussed further at the next meeting.

**VI. City of Algona, South Sub-Region 2016 Allocation
Attachment D – Information Item**

Kathy Tremper received a letter from the City of Algona regarding their 2016 Capital Funding Award for tenant improvements to the community center portion of their new city hall. Things have not moved as quickly as they planned, and they cannot use the money in the required timeframe. We are held to spend these funds by November 1st. Because of this they have relinquished the \$119,475, which now needs to be reallocated. HCD staff do not have recommendations for all of these funds at this time, however, the Contingency Plan did direct that \$35,000 would go to the Tukwila Minor Home Repair Program. Dan asked how this happened. Kathy explained that during funding rounds contingency projects are selected in case more funding is received as well as contingencies for a deficit. Tukwila Minor Home Repair was underfunded, and a contingency was made to give them additional funds if they became available. After allocating \$35,000 to fully fund Tukwila Minor Home Repair Program there is a balance of \$84,475 which needs to be reallocated. No action on these funds is required today.

JRC members discussed possible projects to fund. The money is earmarked to be spent in the South Region. Colleen asked whether the South Region has other projects that were underfunded. Other projects are either not eligible for this funding or are already fully funded. The caucus had previously discussed beefing up the Housing Repair Program and County Staff have also recommended targeting the south end for housing repair. Although no decision is required, Councilmember Grausz suggested that since HRP needs money now, why delay?

MOTION: Councilmember Grausz made a motion to reallocate the recaptured Algona Community Center funds to the King County Housing Repair Program. This funding is specifically earmarked for the South County Subregion. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernald. Kathy explained the voting qualifications. Only Consortium City members can vote. Mayor Hearing asked if further discussion was needed. No additional comments were made. A vote was taken and approved unanimously.

Tukwila Minor Home Repair will be funded at \$135,000 and King County Housing Repair program will receive the remaining additional 2016 allocation of South Subregion funds to use for applications from the South Sub-region Consortium Cities: Algona, Black Diamond, Burien, Covington, Des Moines, Enumclaw, Maple Valley, Pacific, SeaTac, Tukwila and South Subregion area of unincorporated King County.

VII. CDBG Consortium – Priorities for 2107 Capital Funding Round Attachment E – Action Item, Consortium Cities only

Kathy Tremper explained that each year the consortium has the option to change priorities for capital funding. The North/East Region has made a commitment in the past to set-aside 40 percent of their allocation to be allocated through ARCH for housing with remaining funds used for public improvements, community facilities and micro-enterprise business development. The South Region does not set aside money for any particular use. Their priorities are: community facilities, public improvements, minor home repair and micro-enterprise business development. Discussions at the subgroup level indicate they would like to continue with these priorities. The North/East has elected to revisit the ARCH percentage once pre-applications come in to see if the percentage warrants reconsideration. The decision to split between ARCH and others is made year to year, and is not part of the ICA. Priorities that are decided here will be used in the RFP to promote applications for projects funded in 2017. The selections will be made in Fall 2016. The JRC Action Item is to approve these priorities. There was a question regarding dissent toward these priorities. Are all voices being heard? Mark Ellerbrook responded that the agreement in the South on priorities is that they would like to keep ideas open. There is some disagreement in the North/East region on whether to allocate through ARCH a percentage. There is not unanimous agreement, but general agreement on this issue. Colleen commented that this is the third year with the ARCH set aside. It is not set in stone, at this point they are waiting to see applications, and if there is a compelling demand they can alter the level. This issue may be elevated during the ICA discussions. A question was raised as to why the South does not have affordable housing as a priority? Councilmember Quinn responded that in context \$1 million is not a lot of capital for large projects. The South has a higher priority on rehabilitation of existing stock rather than building additional units.

MOTION: Councilmember Quinn made a motion to accept the priorities as presented. Councilmember Grausz seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Round table:

- **Coordinated Entry/HMIS and Long Term Funding:** Kira Zylstra, from King County All Home (formerly the Committee to End Homelessness) presented on two big changes in the homeless housing arena: The Coordinated Entry System, and a new Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

The Coordinated Entry system has been in development for some time. There are currently different entry systems depending on circumstances. All Home is working on developing one system for all populations. A new HMIS system is also being implemented and administration is transitioning from City of Seattle to King County. The previous system had several data issues which the new vendor will address. Kira discussed these items together because the transition includes these systems being brought together to share data.

The County has adopted a vision of a decentralized approach which includes mobile access. This means going out into the communities where the homeless are living. There they can triage, prioritize and make referrals to fit the needs of the homeless with a goal to connect people with the right housing and services. This approach flips from a unit based system where people are found to fit available units, to a person centered system. Other resources will also be drawn on to stabilize people and families in housing. There are a lot of components and All Home will continue to bring in all stakeholders to ensure it works well. An RFP is coming out and the hope is to have regional access points up and running by June.

Councilmember Fernald asked whether the mobile assessors would go into homeless encampments such as “the jungle.” Mark answered that outreach to encampments happens frequently. Some encampments have higher safety issues than others which definitely need to be addressed before going there. Councilmember Fernald asked how successful mobile outreach was. Mark said that it varies a lot. There are a variety of issues being addressed. Persistence is important. Some people accept help right away and others respond after multiple encounters and relationships have formed. Some individuals may not want to be in the system. Councilmember Quinn asked who the stakeholders are. Kira answered that partners are varied including people who experienced homelessness, providers, neighborhoods, and funders. Mark added that we cast a wide net to gain as much insight as possible. We need to balance between hearing from everyone and moving forward on implementation. Kira said the timing varies for decisions. Some things are ready to move forward, others need more detail. Information can be found on the All Home web site which explains how we got where we are, and where we are going from here. Pam asked if the HMIS was off the shelf software. Kira responded that the database is off the shelf, but the system needs to be aligned with our needs. Other communities use the same database, but may have different alterations to meet their needs. Mark added that the coordinated entry and HMIS are critically important to improve our whole system.

We need to maximize space to help as many people as possible, address underlining issues and get people housed. More resources would be better, but dollars must be used as efficiently as possible. The initial stages won't have everything, but we will continue building it over time.

- **Legislative agenda:** Al D'Alessandro gave an update on how the Federal Legislative priorities adopted by the JRC have been faring. He said that much progress has been made so far. Funding has been kept at reasonable levels. Several items have moved from committee, and no items have been dropped. Al thanked the JRC for their support and for contacting legislators to get these issues taken care of.

The State Legislative session has just started and is scheduled to finish March 10. Items are moving forward. Legislators are trying to work out their differences. Nothing has been dropped off. The cutoff is next week for bills to get out of committee. Al is staying in touch with issues and will continue to inform the group.

- **Consolidated Plan update.** Valerie Kendall passed out a handout showing progress on the Consolidated Plan. She thanked participating jurisdictions for the work they put in. Moving onto an online system has been challenging, but we did a particularly excellent job. Work will continue as this is an ongoing, rolling process. She pointed out that the resource mapping section is highly complicated and does not work in the online system. The online plan will not show as much detail as we have.

Valerie also announced that the Fair Housing Assessment Tool is due April 1, 2019. She is working on the template. Thanks to everyone who helped.

VIII. Announcements

Mayor Hearing announced that North Bend will be holding an Affordable Housing Summit in early March. He will send details to Mark Ellerbrook so HCD staff will attend.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:23.

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Joint Recommendations Committee 2016 Meeting Calendar

January 28

- Action Item: Elect 2016 JRC Chair and Vice-Chair
- Action Item: Review JRC/Consortium Procedures, Meeting Location and 2016 JRC Work Plan
- Action Item: Priorities for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2017 capital funding round
- Info Item: Housing Repair Program – 2015 Update

February 25 – Cancelled, Agenda Items Moved to March 24

March 24

- Public Input: Public Meeting Regarding Community Development Needs
- JRC 2016 Calendar – Meeting Dates
- Action Item: Adopt ARCH Competitive Process Affordable Housing Award Recommendations for North/East Sub-region CDBG
- Info Item: 2015 CAPER Report
- Info Item: Housing Finance Program's proposed schedule for 2016 capital funding round for 2017
- State Legislative Updates
- Round Table Discussion – 2018-2020 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement

April 28

- Action Item: Review prior year CDBG and/or HOME projects that are failing their timely expenditure requirement; review recommendations to extend or cancel projects
- Info Item: Housing Repair Program – 1st Qtr 2016 Update
- Info Item: List of Housing Finance Program Pre-applications
- Info Item: List of Community Development Capital Non-Housing Pre-applications

May 26

- Info Item: 2017 Program Planning: CDBG/HOME budget review
- 2018-2020 Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for King County Urban County Consortium Discussion

June 23

- Info Item: Housing Repair Program – 2nd Qtr 2016 Update

July 8 (Optional and encouraged) - Forum for presentation of CDBG non-housing capital applications
(*Location to be determined*)

July 28

August 16 (Optional)

- One on One Info/Briefing with JRC Members Item: Review of all CDBG capital non-housing applications

September 22

- Info/Briefing Item: JRC Federal and State Legislative Agenda
- Public Hearing to obtain Community Development and Housing needs
- Action Item: 2017 Program Year Funds Planning - Decide on Community Development Block Grant Non-housing Capital Awards of 2016 Funding Round (2017 program year funds)

October 27

- Action Item: JRC Federal and State Legislative Priorities for 2017
- Info/Briefing: Review and discussion of all affordable housing capital applications received in the 2015 funding round for 2016 funds.
- Info Item: Housing Repair Program – 3rd Qtr 2016 Update

November 17

- Action Item: –JRC votes to approve and adopt final Affordable Housing Capital Recommendations of 2016 Funding Round (2017 program year funds)

**CDBG Consortium Action Item
North/East Sub-Region Recommended CDBG Housing Awards**

Issue:

A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) recommends the annual award of North/East Sub-Region CDBG capital funds for affordable housing, through an annual competitive funding process administered by ARCH. The North/East Sub-Region establishes a portion of CDBG funds for housing capital, and a portion of CDBG funds for non-housing capital. Each of these portions of CDBG funds are allocated through competitive funding processes.

Background:

ARCH conducted its competitive process for affordable housing funding during the latter part of 2015. ARCH recommends that the following project receive CDBG funding award:

- Imagine Housing 30Bellevue

NE Sub-Region funding amounts are finalized based on HUD's published entitlement amount.

As this is predevelopment funding for non-construction activities, no Wage Rate monitoring will be required.

Imagine Housing 30Bellevue Apartments:

Imagine Housing (IH) – an East King County based non-profit corporation is proposing a 60+ unit building collocated with St. Luke's Lutheran Church which also houses the Sophia's Place homeless shelter for women. The proposed building is two and four levels of wood construction over one level of structured parking. The project features lobby, leasing office, computer room/library, community gathering room, children's play area and counseling offices.

The project targets households earning below 30%, 40% and 60% of median area income, 20% of the units are proposed to be set aside for homeless and another 20% of the units are proposed to be set aside for households with disabilities. Imagine Housing is also exploring the feasibility of three bedroom units.

With the release of predevelopment funds, this would provide an opportunity for Imagine Housing to address issues listed in the funding conditions as well as complete work needed to apply for other capital funds.

ARCH and HCD staff has determined that the project is eligible based on 24 CFR 570.206(g). The project scope is soft costs involving and related to acquisition, design, appraisal, market study, environmental assessment, geotechnical study, surveys, legal and other consultants. The project also will meet the national objective benefit criteria 24 CFR 570.208(a)(3) for an award of CDBG funds wherein records will be maintained to demonstrate household income eligibility. The project will serve low income residents, and the proposed CDBG funds will be used for providing design and related soft costs to allow development of the site for affordable housing.

**30Bellevue Financial Summary:
Capital budget (proposed): \$21,026,644**

Source	Secured	Year of Funds		Pending
		2015	2016	
ARCH – N/E Sub-Region CDBG			\$180,007	\$180,007
Redmond CDBG (admin thru KC)*	\$103,281		\$103,281	
Kirkland CDBG (admin thru KC)	\$153,640	\$25,107	\$128,533	
King County HFP				<i>\$2,200,000</i>
ARCH – Bellevue City Funds	\$50,000			<i>\$457,389</i>
Commerce Housing Trust Fund				<i>\$2,225,000</i>
LIHTC Equity				<i>\$13,463,469</i>
Loan				<i>\$2,163,356</i>
Deferred Developer Fee	\$74,869			
Total	\$381,790			\$20,689,221

* Expected at Redmond City Council Meeting on 3/1/16
Amounts in italics are to be applied for in future funding round

Kirkland and Redmond CDBG:

In addition to the funding described above, King County administers Redmond and Kirkland CDBG funding. The amounts indicated in the chart above for Kirkland and Redmond CDBG is being applied to the 30Bellevue project as well.

CDBG funds contracted by King County will be subject to the following conditions:

1. King County Consortium CDBG funds must be repaid if a national objective is not met through this award.
2. The project shall be completed within 17 months of the start of the program year of the funds you are conditionally awarded: January 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017 unless an exception has been granted due to the timing of the receipt of the grant funds.
3. An environmental review must be completed by HCD prior to the execution of the contract.
4. As a recipient of federal funds, your agency is required to register in the System for Award Management (SAM) and maintain the currency of that information. Registration information can be found at <https://www.sam.gov>. The Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number registration information can be obtained at: <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>
5. Federal awards expended by sub-recipients are subject to 2 CFR 200 Uniform Administrative Rules. Please see Compliance Supplement, which states that a Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) must be completed if the agency expends over \$750,000 in federal awards in a year. This includes all federal funds received from all sources, not just from King County. Your agency must have a SEFA on file for our review during monitoring of your financial records.
6. The federal government requires that all federally funded expenditures be listed in a separate row in the SEFA. The CDBG Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number to use for this award is: CFDA 14.218. For your use in updating and/or registering this award, the King County Grant Number is: B-15-UC-53-0001 and B-16-UC-53-0001.

JRC Action Requested:

The Regular CDBG members of the JRC are asked to review the proposed awards for approval. The JRC is requested to review, discuss and approve the ARCH Executive Board’s recommendation of an award of to the 2016 N/E Sub-regional Housing CDBG allocation of \$180,007 for the Imagine Housing 30Bellevue project.

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Coordinated Entry for All



Coordinated Entry For All: Vision

- **Fair and equal access** to housing and homeless assistance based on strengths and needs,
- **Standardized tools** and practices,
- Incorporates a **housing first** approach, and
- Coordinates assistance so that those with the **most severe service needs are prioritized.**



CEA Roles and Responsibilities

- **King County HCD** – CEA System Administrator
- **All Home Executive Committee** - Has been meeting about every other month to approve decisions for CEA
- **All Home Sub-Population Groups** - Have been meeting to provide insight and suggestions for CEA design



Decisions Made

Eligibility:

CEA serves all **young adults, families, veterans, and single adults** who are literally homeless according to the HUD definition of homelessness or fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence, and young adults who are imminently at risk of homelessness (losing their housing within 14 days)

Program Participation:

Families: Shelter, RRH, Transitional, Permanent Housing

Youth: RRH, Transitional, Permanent Housing

Will look to HUD for guidance and T.A. regarding shelter for all populations

Assessment Tool:

VI-SPDAT (specific versions for each population)

Supplemental questions to support referral capacity



Prioritization

- Executive Committee Decision to utilize **prioritization by Banding Order**
 - A vulnerability score will be determined from responses to the assessment tool. Each score falls into a range that is associated with a level of intervention, which includes high, medium, and low intensity services.
 - Housing referral type will depend on the range an assessment falls within; low intensity services do not include a housing referral.



Tie Breakers

- Families recommendation:
 - Tri-morbidity, child under age 1 or pregnant, length of time homeless
- Single Adults and Youth Adults recommendation:
 - Length of time homeless, tri-morbidity, system utilization



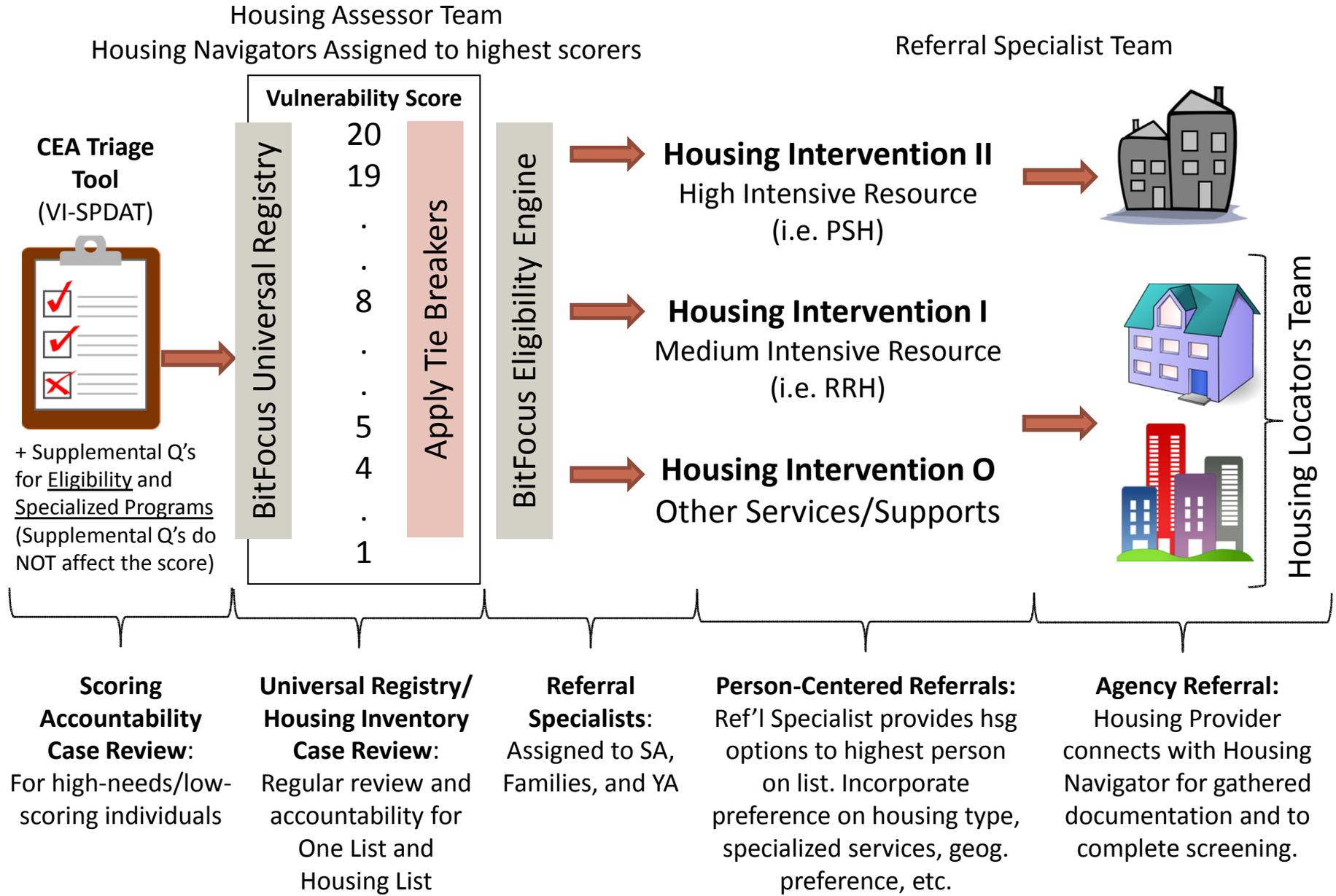
Referrals

- Shift to **person-centered referrals**: Families and individuals will be given the option of programs they are eligible for when they are contacted. They can choose to be referred to the program they are most interested in
 - Refusal Policy in development



CEA Prioritization, Triage, and Referral Process

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Screening Criteria

- Shifting to a Housing First community
- Ensure people can access the resources they need
- All Home develop a capacity Building Plan that includes:

Resource	Details
Housing First Orientation Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local providers and system leadership convene to establish local context of Housing First (orientation, philosophy, strategies, etc.)• Community dialogues are held to increase greater insights, understanding and compassion for neighbors experiencing homelessness• Homelessness & Social Justice as interrelated efforts
Housing Operations and Management Training & Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fair Housing for local non-profits• Risk Management for local non-profits• Risk Mitigation Funds (currently for family providers)
Supportive Services Training & Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crisis Intervention training• Cross-training with behavioral health system and support services• Funding & service coordination opportunities to link support services for people in crisis linked with homeless housing resources

CEA Timeline

- Implementation by population:
 - Vets operating with VI-SPDAT
 - FHC & YHC operations to continue through June
 - Transitions to include:
 - March: New assessment tool
 - April: Implement new prioritization policy
 - All populations Regional Access Points – June
 - Single Adult to phase in through 2016
 - All populations utilizing prioritization policy
- More information:
 - CEA: <http://allhomekc.org/coordinated-entry-for-all/>
 - Executive Committee Materials: <http://allhomekc.org/committees/executive-committee/#fndtn-materials>



Referrals

- Referrals will transition to the System Manager in June (King County)
- Currently held with FHC and YHC (through June)
- Referrals based on new prioritization policy will begin mid-April



**King County CDBG/HOME Consortia
Joint Recommendations Committee
2016 State Legislative Update**

1. Youth Consent

Re-allow minors over 13 to share their information in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) in order to secure a better understanding of the effectiveness of under 18 interventions on prevention of youth homelessness. ESHB 2834 passed the house with strong bipartisan support but was amended in the Senate with language requiring parental notification. The bill died in Senate Rules and it is unlikely to be considered during the special session. Nevertheless, significant groundwork has been made for passage in 2017.

2. Fair Tenant Screening Act

If tenants provide landlord access to an exhaustive and timely report, tenants should not be charged for another report. Eliminate discrimination against prospective renters solely due to their source of income including local housing vouchers, Housing Choice (Section 8) vouchers, seniors relying on social security income and Veterans housing subsidies.

This issue was split into two bills. ESB 6413 addressed the issue of tenant screening reports and unanimously passed both the House and Senate. It currently sits with the Governor awaiting signature.

HB 1565 would outlaw discrimination based on a renter's use of rental assistance or other government assistance to help pay the rent. The bill made it through the House with strong support from many champions but did not get a hearing in the Senate Human Services, Mental Health & Housing Committee.

3. Truth in Evictions Reporting Act

Prohibit consumer reporting agencies from including eviction records in any consumer report if the eviction suit did not result in a judgment finding the tenant liable for unlawful detainer or otherwise in unlawful possession of the premises; the tenant was restored to tenancy; or the judgment reflects a residual amount of rent left owed after the defendant substantially prevailed in an affirmative defense, counterclaim, or set-off. This issue was also addressed within ESB 6413 which creates a new process for tenants to remove certain eviction records from inclusion in tenant screening reports.

4. Preserve the Housing and Essential Needs Program

Support efforts to protect funding the HEN program at its current level. The HEN is currently protected in both the House and Senate Budgets.

5. Housing Trust Fund

Right now it is uncertain if there will be a Capital Budget. Both the Senate and House proposed capital budgets and of the two the Senate's budget keeps Housing Trust Fund funding whole while the House effectively reduces the statewide amount allocated last year by redirecting \$4.3M for specific projects including \$1.4 million for an emergency shelter by A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH), and \$350,000 to Catholic Community Services for an emergency shelter in Kirkland.

6. Support Local Tools for Affordable Housing Production and Preservation.

Support Production: Provide local governments with up to an additional .25 percent Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) capacity specifically for affordable housing via council action. This issue was dropped prior to the session. It is expected to be introduced in 2017.

Support Preservation: Local jurisdictions would have the option to provide a targeted property tax exemption to the owners of existing properties who agree to restrict rents and income-eligibility for a portion of units within their properties for 15 years. The program would prevent displacement, provide resources for improvements to building health and quality and maintain affordable homes for residents with critical occupations like preschool teachers, healthcare workers and service industry employees. 2SSB 6239 passed in the Senate with strong bi-partisan support. It was amended in the House to apply only to nonprofit organizations instead of for-profit apartment owners for which the exemption was originally intended by the bill's champions. The amended bill is in Senate Rules and there is not much appetite to bring up policy bills during the Special Session. Look for the bill to resurface in 2017 with an attempt to find a compromise to expand the impact to private for-profit landlords.

7. Washington Youth & Families Fund (WYFF)

Last year the legislature appropriated \$3 million to WYFF from existing Commerce resources. Private funds are available to match an additional \$3 million state investment. Currently both the Senate and House budgets fund WYFF at its current level.

New Proposal: Homeless Assistance Account

Inspired by Senator Nelson's proposal to tap the State Rainy Day fund to address homelessness across the state, the House budget proposes a new homeless assistance account totaling over \$37.2 million of which: \$5 million is for rapid rehousing for chemical dependency and/or mental illness and \$2.5 million is for families. In addition \$10 million is provided for rental assistance to housing serving people with incomes below 30% and typically homeless, another \$19.279 million is provided for permanent supportive housing production. These proposals are currently being discussed in the final budget negotiations.