

City of Seattle's Response to Homelessness

King County Regional Law, Safety & Justice Committee

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Seattle's Landscape

- ❑ Seattle is one of the nation's fastest growing city
- ❑ This is a city and region of great prosperity
- ❑ City invests \$89M annually in the human services safety net
- ❑ Severe and persistent economic and racial inequalities exist

Data reflects following in Seattle:

- ❑ 22% of people of color live at or below the poverty line
- ❑ 30% children of color live in poverty
- ❑ 50-62% of children of color graduate from high school on-time (compared to 84% of white children)
- ❑ 9% of people of color are unemployed (compared to 5% of whites)
- ❑ One in three residents pay 30% or more towards housing expenses

Seattle's Homelessness Crisis

- ❑ Seattle like other cities across the country is facing a crisis

- ❑ 2015 One Night Count found
 - 3,772 individuals were living outside
 - Most of these individuals were counted in Seattle (2,800)
 - 21% increase from 2014

- ❑ Reason for crisis are complex, including cuts & chronic underfunding

Seattle's Homelessness Crisis

- ❑ City of Seattle funding makes **1,600 shelter beds** available each night
- ❑ Over **6,000 units** of affordable housing produced in last 15 years
- ❑ The City of Seattle's investments to address homelessness
 - More than \$40 million annually for human services
 - 8% increase to the base human service budget
 - An additional \$7.2 million in one-time funding for 2016

Homelessness State of Emergency

1. Prevention Efforts (making homelessness rare)
2. Encampment Outreach (making homelessness brief)
3. Meeting Basic Needs (making homelessness one-time)

Homeless SOE Implementation Framework

Results: 1) Reduce the number of people unsheltered (street or cars) in Seattle by 50% by January 30, 2017

2) Increase Public Awareness and Involvement 3) Increase engagement of Federal and State Partners

HSD Project Manager (TBD) – citywide coordination, alignment & accountability

Subcabinet Members	HSD PHSKC	DEEL	Parks SDOT	Fire	SPD OH	Muni Court	DON LAW	AHKC KC	DPD FAS	WSDOT Mayor's Office
Strategy Focus	PREVENTION EFFORTS (RARE)				ENCAMPMENT OUTREACH (BRIEF)				MEETING BASIC NEEDS (ONE-TIME)	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Homeless children Flex funds Youth case management Vehicular residency Public health precautions Data capacity 				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> MDOT – services & physical Mobile van 				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Implementing shelter in queue Targeted shelter 	
Implementation Team	HSD – Lindsey Garrity (*lead), Josh Hall, Amy Huang, Christa Valles, Jeff Sakuma PHSKC – John Gilvar DEEL – Leilani Dela Cruz, Sara Rigel, Isabel Munoz Colons SDOT – Mike Estey Mayor's Office – Leslie Price, Robert Feldstein AHKC – Kira / Mark KC – Hedda McClendon Parks – Katie Gray, Kelly Guy				HSD – Ann Margaret Webb (*lead), Jim Theofelis, Edwin Obras, Christa Valles SPD – Sgt. Paul Gracy PHSKC – John Gilvar FAS – Scot Thompson Parks – Dan Johnson, August Drake Ericson SDOT – Roxanne Thomas WSDOT – Law – Brendan Brophy Mayor's Office – Scott Lindsay DOC – Donna Waters				HSD – Kim von Henkel (*lead), Sola Plumacher, Adrienne Easter, Christa Valles DPD – Diane Sugimura, Mike Podowski OH – Maureen Kostyack DON – FAS – Mike Ashbrook AHKC – Kira / Mark KC – Mark Ellerbrook Mayor's Office – Maggie Thompson	
Community Partners	YWCA, Compass Housing, PSKS, DESC, YouthCare				REACH, Compass Housing, YWCA, YouthCare, DESC (HOST/MH Outreach), Wellspring				YWCA, Mary's Place, DESC, Compass Housing, YMCA, YouthCare, PSKS	
Proposed Baseline Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ONC (streets, vehicles) # of fatalities # of homeless children Flex funds – outcome & \$ spent 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ONC (streets, vehicles) # of fatalities # of SERIS complaints # of clean ups & \$ spent Bx. health services & profile Disposition plan (services, shelter) 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # people sheltered (new, exited, total) Demographic profile of people in shelter Disposition plan (exit plan) 	

Homelessness Investment Policy

- ❑ HSD funds services for youth, families, single adults, veterans, elderly
- ❑ Analysis of city's homelessness investments in 2015
 1. Portfolio contract model
 2. Evaluation of new pilots for scalability
 3. System readiness and capacity
- ❑ City's goal is to achieve systemic transformation focused on:
 - Achieving results that increase racial equity
 - Ensuring strong public stewardship

Partnership Opportunities

- ❑ Advancing a **state and federal legislative agenda**
- ❑ Leveraging **funds sources to support long-term investments**
- ❑ Addressing the **capacity of the provider network**



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