

Homelessness

Our community has a responsibility to understand the many root causes of homelessness and engage in efforts that will ensure that homelessness is rare, brief, and for those that experience it, a one-time experience only.

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Connecting unsheltered individuals to resources

- The City has a dedicated, full-time outreach specialist who partners and coordinates with businesses, nonprofits, and the broader community.
- Services are provided through direct outreach by meeting people where they are and during drop-in hours at accessible locations.
- On-site support is provided to safe parking program residents.

2021 Outreach Impact

- 153 clients served
- 1600 service hours
- 50% of clients housed



Using a compassionate enforcement approach

- Offering services first, outreach works hand-in-hand with police when enforcement is needed.
- Addressing personal items or camping in public spaces, as needed, with a focus on community health and safety.
- Offering alternative solutions like Redmond Community Court and Resource Center, a partnership between the City, King County District Court, and King County Library.
- Connecting individuals struggling with mental illness to the City's Mental Health Professional, who is embedded within the Police Department.



Collaborating with King County and other Eastside cities in support of regional strategies and best practices for addressing homelessness in our communities

Participating and advising in policy conversations across the region, including the newly established King County Regional Homelessness Authority.

Ensuring that anyone experiencing homelessness has access to shelter here on the Eastside

Increasing funding support to offer expanded shelter and day center services to East King County nonprofit partners, including Friends of Youth The Landing, which shelters young adults ages 18-24, Congregations for the Homeless, who provides services to men, Sophia Way, which serves women experiencing homelessness, and Catholic Community Services, which supports families.



Investing in programs that support people on a path out of homelessness as well as supporting the broad safety net of services

In 2021, the City invested over \$1.8 million in human services, spending nearly **\$850,000** on programs for individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless.

