



Fact Sheet: King County Provides Refugees a Temporary Place to Stay in Redmond

Location: Former Redmond Silver Cloud Inn

Type of facility: A temporary place to live for refugees in the resettlement process

Capacity: Up to 250 people

Population served: Refugees

King County established a temporary place in Redmond for refugees to live while in the resettlement process. In collaboration with the State of Washington, the City of Redmond, and community partners, the program will provide support for newly arriving refugees. As was the case in Federal Way, this will be a temporary use in Redmond.

Eligibility

This building does not accept direct referrals. King County is partnering with the International Rescue Committee (IRC). This building only accepts people who come through the federal resettlement program with the IRC. The IRC provides refugee resettlement services and supports people in finding permanent housing and is managing the process for incoming refugees.

Building Logistics

DCHS has staff onsite 24/7 and is helping families and individuals navigate language access, medical care, shopping options, learning opportunities, and connection to resettlement services. The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) is funding the property operations in Redmond through November 30, 2022.

Resources and Employment

Community members who have employment opportunities can send information to Magan Cromar at Magan.Cromar@kingcounty.gov. These opportunities will be shared on the resource boards in the building. People can also contact the IRC. Employ Newcomers, the IRC's economic empowerment program, helps newcomers prepare for Seattle's job market and work toward their career goals in the U.S. Contact the IRC (Seattle@Rescue.org) if interested in offering employment or professional development opportunities to newcomers. You can also contact the IRC if interested in volunteer opportunities at Seattle@Rescue.org.

Staffing and Timeline

Staff at the Redmond building includes a mixture of King County Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) staff and King County Facilities Management Division staff. This temporary place to stay is a short-term program for individuals and families coming to the United States. King County continues to

move ahead with the planned implementation process for the first [Health Through Housing](#) (HTH) site on the Eastside.

The use of the location as a temporary place to stay for refugees will not delay the HTH implementation plans in Redmond. The process to transform the site into supportive housing for those experiencing, or at risk of, chronic homelessness continues. Currently, a procurement process to identify an operator is being planned. The building is expected to open as supportive housing by the end of the year.

What to do if you have questions

For any further questions or inquiries, please contact Katie Rogers, Communications Director with the King County Department of the Community and Human Services at krogers@kingcounty.gov.