



Kitsap County Housing and Homelessness Division

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# Annual Report 2023



# Division Overview

## Mission and Vision

The Housing and Homelessness Division works to reduce Kitsap homelessness and to support and increase affordable housing through implementation of state legislation and local policies.

Vision: to make homelessness a **rare, brief, and one-time** occurrence in Kitsap County and to ensure that affordable housing is accessible to all Kitsap residents who need it.

Mission: to ensure that Kitsap County is a leader in reducing homelessness and improving access to affordable housing through systematic planning, facilitating strategic investments of public funds, measuring and reporting on progress, and ensuring an effective community response to these issues.

## Strategic Investment of Public Funds

Kitsap County manages the Affordable Housing Grant Program, the Homeless Housing Grant Program, and the Consolidated Housing Grant program.

1. Investment of over \$5.9 million annually in non-profit programs and services
2. Administered over \$13.2 million in pandemic-related funding (see pg. 12 for more details)

## Measuring and Reporting Progress

Homeless service providers collect information about homeless households receiving housing services. Kitsap County reports outcomes, tracks system performance, and uses data to inform future needs for services and funding.

- Countywide system performance reports (4 quarterly and 1 annual)
- Geographic data summaries about homelessness across the county
- Visit <https://kcowa.us/housing> for more information and <https://kcowa.us/kchhd-data> for additional division reports



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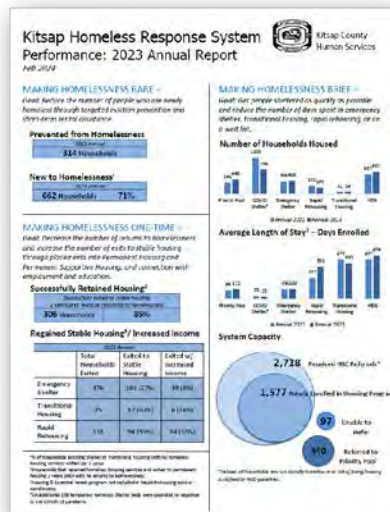
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*Thank You*

To Kitsap County Commissioners Charlotte Garrido, Christine Rolfes, and Katie Walters for their support of people experiencing homelessness

## Coordinated Community Response

The Division is responsible for developing Homeless Housing Plans, coordinating the annual Point-in-Time Count, and facilitating stakeholder work groups and special projects. The Division works closely with the many housing and social service providers that make up the Homeless Crisis Response System. Many of these organizations are also part of the Kitsap Housing and Homelessness Coalition.

- Updates to the Kitsap County Homeless Crisis Response and Housing Plan
- Coordinating the Annual Point-in-Time Count by recruiting volunteers, providing training, organizing survey opportunities, and reporting survey results
- Managing the Severe Weather Shelter Program
- Updates to the "How to Help People Living Homeless" guide

### 2023 Annual Point-in-Time Count

The Point-in-Time Count is an annual state-mandated 24-hour survey of people experiencing homelessness. The Housing and Homelessness Division coordinated the survey process. In 2023, 80 unique volunteers gave a total of 303 hours surveying at 19 locations including 3 Project Connect Fairs, 5 Street Outreach survey regions, and numerous shifts at 11 food banks and meal locations. In all, 369 individuals were surveyed and 245 were identified as living unsheltered.



### Severe Weather Shelters



The Kitsap County Severe Weather Shelter Program is a partnership between the Housing and Homelessness Division, Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management, and the four organizations that host the shelters.

The Division oversees the SWS program by providing training and coordination. During the 2023-2024 season four shelter sites located throughout the county (Kingston Village Green, Poulsbo Gateway Fellowship, Silverdale Community Church, and Port Orchard United Methodist) were able to open during severe weather events. The Division contracted with Gather Together Grow Together (G2G2) to help provide rides for guests to shelters during severe weather.

During the 2023-2024 season 563 overnight stays were provided over 28 activation days.

To subscribe to future shelter activation notifications text KITSAPSW to 898-211.

For more information or to volunteer visit <http://kcowa.us/KCSWS>

## Kitsap Homeless Crisis Response And Housing Plan Update



### HEADING HOME

Kitsap Homeless Crisis Response and Housing Plan

2019 Update  
Approved 11/25/19

Note: This is a Compliance Update to meet new Washington State Dept. of Commerce requirements. Changes from the 2015 Plan were made only in these sections: Action Plan – Detail Matrix, Appendix D, and Appendix E.



Kitsap County  
Department of Human Services



Kitsap Housing and  
Homelessness Coalition

The Kitsap County Board of County Commissioners approved the latest update to the Homeless Crisis Response Plan on November 25, 2019. The plan includes input from many community stakeholders, including from people experiencing homelessness. This plan is anticipated to be updated in 2025 with feedback from many providers, consumers, community stakeholders and guidance from the Dept of Commerce with new requirements. The updated plan will be anticipated to cover a planning period from 2025-2030.

# Homeless Encampment Action, Response, and Transitions (HEART) Program



The HEART (Homeless Encampment Action Response and Transitions) Program was launched in April 2022. The program implements the Unauthorized Encampments on County Property Policy, which is designed to ensure that the county government provides a consistent, coordinated, and person-centered approach by connecting individuals with resources while mitigating unauthorized homeless encampments on Kitsap County property.

## 2023 Year End Review

### Encampment Response

- Monitored and responded to encampments on County property.
- Facilitated over **19 tons** of refuse cleanup from encampments through partnership with Kitsap County Solid Waste Division.
- Worked with the City of Port Orchard, Department of Natural Resources, the City of Poulsbo, Greater Peninsula Conservancy, Clear Creek Taskforce, Washington State Department of Transportation, and Kitsap Housing Authority in efforts to clean up encampments.



### Connecting People with Housing and Services

Connected people living unsheltered with the following assistance and services:

- **Conducted 286 site visits** from reported responses to encampments on county property and county rights-of-way.
- **266 Housing Solutions Center applications completed** by campers seeking shelter, housing, and services.
- **36 people** were referred into shelter or other temporary housing programs, and **3** were referred into a permanent housing program.
- **3 people** were connected to emergency services, **7** were taken to the emergency room.
- **32 people** were connected with the R.E.A.L. team for mental health and substance use resources.
- **15 people** were connected to Kitsap Recovery Center's Persons in Need (PIN) program, of these **5** completed treatment and successfully went into stable housing.
- **6 people** were referred to Kitsap Mental Health's Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT) for mental health assistance.
- **9 people** were referred to Adult Protective Services, and **3** were referred to the Developmental Disabilities Administration.



### Learn More & Full Report

See the full HEART Program 2023 Year End Review and more information about the Encampment Response process and Frequently Asked Questions at <http://kcowa.us/HEART>.

# Pacific Building Shelter



Kitsap County purchased the former Olympic Fitness Club facility and surrounding property on April 14, 2021. The building and property at 4459 SE Mile Hill Drive, Port Orchard was purchased for \$1.5 million. Multiple state grants designated for new emergency housing, affordable housing, and homeless shelter projects were used to acquire the property. Kitsap County has named the facility the "Pacific Building."

## Project Purpose, Services, and Placement

**PURPOSE:** Convert an existing 20,040 square foot former fitness center into a new 75 bed co-shelter congregate care living facility for unhoused adults, families, with room for up to 20 companion animals. The shelter will be open 24 hours per day, 365 days per year, and will provide registered guests with meals, laundry, personal hygiene, and safe storage of possessions.

**SERVICES:** This temporary emergency housing program will provide connections to robust wrap-around supportive services. These services may include (but are not limited to) benefits support, medical care, mental health care, recovery supports, job placement and more. Kitsap Rescue Mission will be contracted to provide these services.

**ACCESS and PLACEMENT:** This facility will provide shelter to the "most vulnerable" population of single adults, couples, and families that are experiencing housing crisis and have limited or no resources. Referral will be made through the Coordinated Entry system at the Kitsap Housing Solutions Center.

## 2023 Community Outreach and Development Activities

- Co-Sheltering Conference
- Hearing Examiner Meetings
- Representatives Tour
- Community Events
- Bremerton Kitsap Access television (BKAT) Video Presentation

## Conversion Progress

- Hired Barker Creek Consulting, construction management project team
- Completed Kitsap County competitive bid process for the selection of General Contractor
- Notice of Award to Neeley Construction
- The estimated construction budget for this project is \$7,265,477

"Many in our community struggle to find affordable housing as the costs surge throughout the Puget Sound region. Although limited housing options are a major barrier to finding a place to live, the Kitsap County Pacific Building Renovation project provides a valuable example of a temporary co-shelter facility that will care for the most vulnerable in South County and it will be a model for all of Kitsap County,"

Commissioner Charlotte Garrido

**Under Construction**  
Anticipated to open November 2024



# Homelessness in Kitsap County



**2,724**

Kitsap County households requested housing assistance in 2023 (Housing Solutions Center)



**710**

Homeless children counted by Kitsap School Districts in school year '23-'24



**604**

People without a home counted in a 24-hour period in Kitsap County during the 2023 Point-in-Time Count.

**1,259**

literally homeless households

**620**

were households with children (857 children total)

**236**

households reported they were homeless without permanent housing for 1 year or longer

**80%**

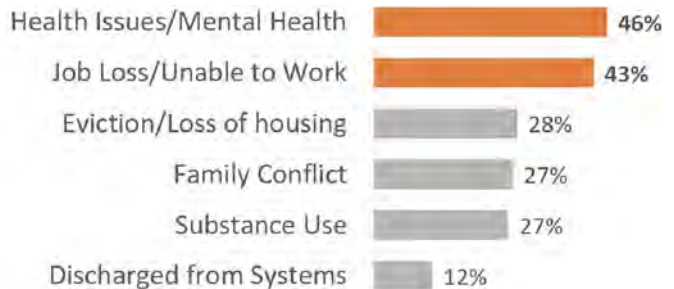
of households were below Federal Poverty Level

**\$835**

average monthly income for households seeking housing assistance at the HSC

## Causes of Homelessness

2023 Point-in-Time Count - Countywide



## Kitsap Rents Outpacing Wages



\* Affordable here is considered as paying no more than 30% of income towards rent per month.  
FMR - Fair Market Rate

Source: 2023 Div. of Reach Report

Source: <https://kcowa.us/kchhd-data>

## High Rents Each Year

**\$1,587**

Average rent per unit in Kitsap County Sept 2023. An increase of 18% since Sept 2018.

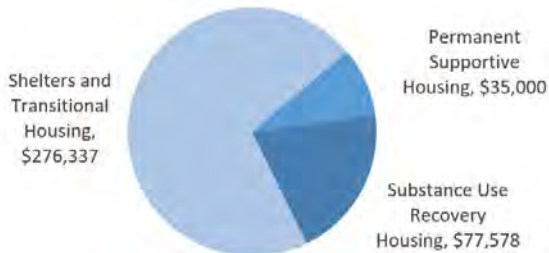


# Investments of Public Funds

## Affordable Housing Grant Program

**\$388,915**

Invested in Operations & Maintenance of Shelter and Affordable Housing Units



Affordable Housing Grant Program funds are authorized by the Washington State legislature and are collected through a fee on certain transactions recorded at the Auditor's Office.

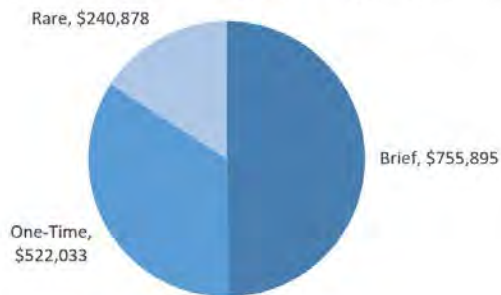
These grant funds are distributed through a bed-rate model for shelters and competitive processes to Kitsap organizations that provide affordable housing in a variety of ways, including transitional housing and substance use recovery housing.

The authorizing legislation defines the allowable use of funds as: operations and maintenance support for existing affordable housing, acquisition, rehab, or development of new affordable housing, rental assistance voucher programs, and support for overnight shelters. With such a small annual total, in Kitsap the funding has been prioritized to fund operations and maintenance.

## Homeless Housing Grant Program

**\$1,518,806**

Invested to Make Homelessness Rare, Brief, and One-Time



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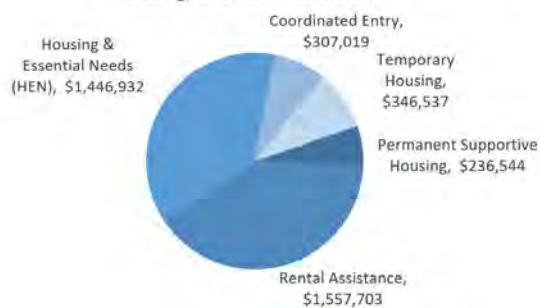
These grant funds are distributed through a bed-rate model for shelters and competitive processes to Kitsap housing programs and social service providers working to implement the strategies and action steps identified in the Kitsap Homeless Crisis Response and Housing Plan.

The Kitsap Homeless Crisis Response and Housing Plan outlines five goals for addressing homelessness (listed on the following pages). Each goal includes specific strategies and action steps. The Plan is available at <https://www.kitsapgov.com/hs/Pages/HH-Homeless-Crisis-Response-and-Housing-Plan.aspx>

## Consolidated Homeless Grant

**\$3,894,735**

Invested in Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless Families, Coordinated Entry, HEN, and Temporary Housing, and Rental Assistance



The Consolidated Homeless Grant (CHG) program is funded through the portion of document recording fees that are not retained locally and are transmitted to the Washington State Department of Commerce. Commerce distributes these funds back to counties through contracts for specific homeless housing and services. These grant funds are administered by the Division and sub-contracted to eligible service providers. The funds are governed by Commerce's CHG Guidelines.

The Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) program provides access to essential needs items and rental assistance for low-income individuals who are unable to work for at least 90 days due to a physical and/or mental incapacity and are ineligible for Aged, Blind, or Disabled (ABD) cash assistance. While DSHS/CSD determines eligibility for the referral to the HEN program, actual eligibility for rental assistance and essential needs items is determined by the Department of Commerce through a network of homeless service providers.

## Emergency Housing Fund

**\$135,883**

Invested to Backfill and Maintain Emergency Housing Capacity from Sun-setting Funds



Emergency Housing Fund (EHF) funds, which are temporary, were made available from the state operating budget and contracted through the WA State Dept of Commerce. The EHF funds are intended to backfill and maintain 2023 state fiscal year emergency housing capacity from sun-setting funds. These funds are used for specific activities including street outreach, emergency sheltering, transitional housing, rapid-rehousing, housing search and placement, and housing stability case management.

These funds were prioritized for use to continue programs funded by expired funding sources, operating emergency shelters, transitional housing, and a few homeless services programs that met the stated criteria.

# Distribution of Grant Funding by Plan Goals

The Kitsap Homeless Crisis Response and Housing Plan includes goals, strategies, action steps, and metrics for measuring the effectiveness of the countywide homeless crisis response system. Grant funding is distributed to service providers that are implementing strategies outlined in the plan to meet the following goals.

Strategies	Investments	2023 Results
<b>Goal 1: Make homelessness rare.</b>		
<b>Homeless Prevention</b>  Targeted prevention resolves imminent homelessness with housing-focused case management and temporary rent subsidies.	<b>Housing Kitsap</b> <i>HHGP (\$85,505)</i>	12 low-income households retained housing
	<b>Housing Resources Bainbridge</b> <i>HHGP (\$51,241)</i>	8 low-income households retained housing
	<b>North Kitsap Fishline</b> <i>HHGP (\$34,418)</i>	31 households prevented from eviction/able to secure housing
	<b>Olive Crest</b> <i>HHGP (\$9,674*)</i>	9 foster youth retained stable housing
<b>Goal 2: Make homelessness brief.</b>		
<b>Coordinated Entry</b>  Connects households that are homeless or at risk of homelessness to appropriate housing interventions at one-stop housing resource offices located across the county.	<b>Kitsap Community Resources Housing Solutions Center</b> <i>HHGP (\$127,367), CHG (\$307,019)</i>	2,718 households connected to shelter and housing  611 individuals were contacted by outreach specialists in the community, at events, the jail, and treatment facilities
	<b>Catholic Community Services Benedict House</b> <i>AHGP (\$96,000), EHF (\$41,394), CHG (\$3,947)</i>	24 beds for single men 110 individuals served
<b>Continuous Stay Emergency Shelters</b>  Emergency housing that provides a short-term stay at no cost. Beds are reserved for residents until they exit the program. Shelter stays typically include housing case management and connections with resources with the goal of securing appropriate permanent housing.	<b>Kitsap Community Resources Emergency Housing</b> <i>AHGP (\$57,477), HHGP (\$28,635), EHF (\$15,146), CHG (\$728)</i>	16 beds for families 18 individuals served in family shelter units
	<b>Motel Leasing</b> <i>CHG (\$318,679)</i>	94 individuals served in leased motel rooms
	<b>St Vincent de Paul Stella Maris House</b> <i>AHGP (\$11,459), HHGP (\$78,800), EHF (\$9,819), CHG (\$11,088), ARPA (\$24,000)</i>	22 beds for women and women with children 150 individuals served
	<b>Weaver Foundation Georgia's House</b> <i>AHGP (\$22,650), HHGP (\$57,982), EHF (\$28,724), CHG (\$12,096), ARPA (\$60,286)</i>	24 beds for women and women with children 99 individuals served
	<b>Coffee Oasis Youth Shelter</b> <i>AHGP (\$30,226)</i>	6 beds for youth 16-20 years of age 29 youth served
	<b>Severe Weather Shelters</b> <i>HHGP (\$20,000)</i>	34 max beds in 4 locations - availability is weather dependent 563 overnight stays
<b>Seasonal Shelters</b>  Emergency shelter beds function similarly to drop-in shelter beds, but are only available during a specified period, or dependent on severe weather.		



## Strategies

## Investments

## 2023 Results

**Transitional Housing**

Subsidized housing for up to 2 years with rent typically set at no more than 30% of client's income. Case management services are included to prepare individuals to obtain housing and live self-sufficiently.

**Kitsap Community Resources**  
Transitional & Supportive Housing  
*AHGP (\$58,125), HHGP (\$32,712\*)*

22 units for families  
16 households served

**Homeless Services**

Provides supportive services to help homeless or unstably housed individuals meet basic needs, seek employment, participate in training programs, and to address barriers to housing or engagement in services.

**Kitsap Community Resources**  
*HHGP (\$112,446)*

74 households provided case management and services

**North Kitsap Fishline**  
*AHGP (\$400), HHGP (\$79,442\*)*

16 adults provided safe parking or camping space  
59 households provided with homeless supportive services

**Olive Crest**  
*HHGP (\$60,041\*)*

30 foster youth received supportive services

**The Coffee Oasis**  
*HHGP (\$225,000)*

130 homeless youth provided life skills training, 137 youth engaged in housing case management, 667 unduplicated contacts made in outreach, and 10 entered into supportive housing

**The Salvation Army**  
*HHGP (\$73,245)*

780 homeless individuals provided with supportive services and items including: 694 bus tokens, 165 people provided ID assistance, and 52 gas vouchers

**Kitsap HEART Program**  
*EHF (\$40,799)*

See pg 4 for detailed outcomes

**Goal 3: Make homelessness one-time.****Permanent Supportive Housing**

Permanent subsidized housing serves individuals or households in need of ongoing supportive services and assistance such as people with mental health issues, substance abuse disorders, physical disabilities, or more than one of these.

**Housing Resources Bainbridge**  
Permanent Affordable Housing  
*HHGP (\$61,811)*

8 units for low-income adults and families  
10 households served

**Kitsap Community Resources**  
Housing for Chronically Homeless  
*CHG (\$236,544\*)*

5 units for families  
14 households served

**Kitsap Mental Health**  
Pendleton Place  
*HHGP (\$150,000)*

72 units for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness and living with chronic/severe mental illness or substance use disorders  
81 individuals served

**Permanent Housing**

Permanent subsidized housing that serves low-income individuals or households without a disability, but who need ongoing supportive services and assistance.

**Catholic Housing Services**  
Max Hale Center  
*AHGP (\$35,000), HHGP (\$20,000)*

53 units for single adults  
54 households served

**Kitsap Homes of Compassion**  
Shared Housing Program  
*HHGP (\$122,239)*

39 rooms for single adults  
48 households served

**Substance Use Recovery Housing**

Clean and sober living for individuals and families in recovery from addiction. Includes peer support and connection to services which reinforce a substance-free lifestyle and promote long-term recovery.

**Agape Unlimited**  
Sisyphus II Permanent Housing  
*AHGP (\$23,800), HHGP (\$46,200)*  
Koinonia Inn Transitional Housing  
*AHGP (\$41,195), HHGP (\$4,640)*

24 units for single adults and families  
58 households housed with recovery supports

**West Sound Treatment Center**  
Fuller House and Lighthouse  
*AHGP (\$12,583), HHGP (\$37,408)*

6 units for pregnant and parenting women in recovery  
11 households housed with recovery supports

6 units for single women and women w/children  
4 units for single men  
30 households served with recovery housing and supports

## Strategies

### Rapid Re-Housing

Helps to quickly move households from homelessness into permanent housing by providing move in assistance, temporary rent subsidies, and housing-focused case management.



## Investments

**Kitsap Community Resources  
Rapid Re-Housing**  
CHG (\$1,557,703\*)

## 2023 Results

41 households obtained stable housing  
101 households assisted with rental supports  
135 households assisted with housing case management

### HEN - Housing & Essential Needs

Provides program participants with rent assistance, utility and transportation assistance, as well as hygiene supplies.



**Catholic Community Services  
Housing & Essential Needs**  
CHG (\$1,446,932)

667 households helped to obtain or retain housing and provided essential needs

## Goal 4: Continuously improve the homeless crisis response system.

- Collaborated with the Coordinated Grant Application Process workgroup which worked to expand and include additional funding sources and entities. This allowed applicants to apply for grant funding from multiple funding sources within the Kitsap County Department of Human Services by submitting a single program grant application. Learn more about the Coordinated Grant Application Process at [kcowa.us/cgap](http://kcowa.us/cgap).
- Conversations were held with local shelters regarding strategies to reduce barriers for program entry.
- Provided funding to Severe Weather Shelter sites to supplement expenses related to operation of the sites and/or guest needs.
- Continued work to develop a new temporary co-sheltering residential facility in Port Orchard, the Pacific Building project, including hiring a construction management team, completing a County competitive bid process, and selecting a General Contractor.

## Goal 5: Expand community engagement.

- The HEART program participated in 8 public community meetings to provide education and to engage with specific neighborhoods regarding encampments.
- Provided monthly updates on the construction progress of the Pacific Building Shelter.
- Participated in the planning and implementation of a Navigation Center and Pallet Home community in Bremerton.

"S" came to Benedict House through the respite program from the hospital with significant health issues. "S" had been financially abused, evicted, lost his pet and belongings. As a result "S" became depressed and turned to drugs to cope. Through help from staff and a friend "S" engaged in and completed outpatient treatment. He became more medically stable. He was able to get a review from DSHS for ABD and medical benefits and is pursuing other benefits for his health and financial situation. With the help of staff, "S" has been able to obtain a wheelchair and a new support animal to help with his mental and emotional concerns. and is making it to his appointments. After 3 years he is working with HEN and is hopeful to be able to move into Pendleton Place to begin living more independently.

*Catholic Community Services  
Benedict House Guest*

Stella Maris House brought in 2 households of mothers and daughters as guests in need of emergency shelter. These households had similar aged girls and became fast friends. Each household had barriers to housing, including lack of income and a difficult housing market. Together with help from their case manager, these households found that while housing was difficult separately, if they move in together, they might be better able to find housing. The mothers started looking for apartments to share that could accommodate their families. They were successful in their search and within a few weeks they found an apartment and were able to move into their own place.

*St Vincent de Paul Stella Maris  
Guests*

# 2023 System Performance

Performance indicators measure the homeless crisis response system to ensure that households are moving from homelessness into housing, that the system is utilized at capacity, and that progress is made toward attaining the goals of making homelessness rare, brief, and one-time.

## Make homelessness rare.



314 

Households prevented from homelessness

71%   


Of households were experiencing homelessness for the first time (662 households)

## Make homelessness brief.















Median number of days for households experiencing homelessness to receive housing services after seeking assistance at the Housing Solutions Center

 15

**5,961**

Total unduplicated households served by the Kitsap Homeless Crisis Response System

### Length of time and households served by intervention

Priority Pool 	111 days avg 440 households	
*COVID Shelter 	25 days avg 741 households	
Continuous Stay Shelter 	109 days avg 408 households	
Rapid Re-Housing 	353 days avg 193 households	
Transitional Housing 	390 days avg 54 households	
Housing & Essential Needs 	478 days avg 667 households	

## Make homelessness one-time.

**1x**

**257** 

Households exited the Kitsap Homeless Crisis Response System to Permanent Stable Housing

**85%** 

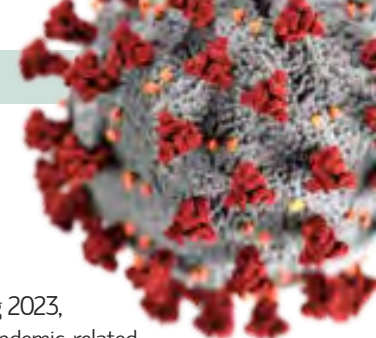
of 306 households have not returned to homelessness

after exiting to housing 2 years prior

Performance is measured system-wide for Kitsap County; these measures include housing intervention programs funded by other sources. These additional programs are not funded by grants distributed through the Division, but are an important part of the Homeless Crisis Response System and provide additional units of housing and specialized services.

\* Kitsap Rescue Mission Drop-in and Salvation Army Winter Shelters were converted to COVID-19 Shelters March 25, 2020. Data in this chart reflects households served and length of stay only for the time period of Jan 1 2023 - December 31, 2023.

# COVID-19 *Extraordinary Times, Extraordinary Response*



On March 8, 2020 a State of Emergency was declared in Kitsap County in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic. During 2023, the Housing and Homelessness Division and our many community partners continued to respond to this challenge. Many pandemic-related activities began winding down with the end of the federal public health emergency declaration May 11, 2023.

## Emergency Sheltering and Housing Response Activities

	Organization	Description	Results	Investments
	The Salvation Army	The addition and operation of 70 low-barrier/harm reduction homeless shelter beds to couples, households with pets, single parents, single men, and single women	686 unique individuals sheltered with 9,686 bednights and 50,590 meals served	\$1,304,294 (ARPA/FEMA)
	Kitsap Rescue Mission	The addition and operation of between 80-100 continuous stay shelter beds at the Quality Inn for single adults and families	168 unique individuals sheltered and 35,239 meals served	\$1,032,545 (ARPA)
	Kitsap Community Resources	The addition of a hotel voucher program to expand access to emergency shelter when beds are not available	44 households provided with temporary sheltering	\$805,453 (ESG-CV)
	Olive Crest	A new program in partnership with Dept of Children, Youth, and Families and Bremerton Housing Authority to provide supportive services to Foster Youth up to 23 years of age	27 foster youth households assisted with obtaining or maintaining housing	\$33,438 (ESG-CV)
	DTG	Provided portable handwash stations and servicing throughout Kitsap County to support hygiene for people experiencing homelessness	10 handwash stations provided and serviced	\$11,094 (ARPA)

## Eviction Prevention and Housing Stability

	Organization	Description	Results	Investments
	Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County	A new Eviction Prevention Pilot Program to assist landlords and tenants to resolve eviction situations and obtain rental assistance in order to clear past owed rent to stabilize both tenant and landlord	782 households provided with eviction resolution and housing stabilization	\$163,987 (ARPA)
	Kitsap Legal Services	Provided free eviction defense legal services to low-income tenant facing eviction and housing stability services	337 households provided with eviction defense services, and 171 provided with housing stability services	\$73,768 (ARPA) \$46,649 (T-RAP2.0)
	Kitsap Community Resources	Provided rental assistance to landlords for households engaged in the eviction prevention	89 unique households served	\$1,694,051 (ARPA)
	Kitsap Community Resources	Provides eviction prevention rent and utilities assistance to households most likely to become homeless or disproportionately affected during the COVID-19 pandemic.	709 households served	\$103,619 (TRAP2.0) \$1,226,044 (ERA2) \$6,630,756 (ERAP2.0)
	Mt Zion / Partnering for Youth Achievement	Provided historically underserved minority populations with application assistance and outreach to apply for KEPA assistance	March - April 2023 Outreach	\$10,000 (TRAP2.0)
	Hope360	Provided historically underserved minority populations with application assistance and outreach to apply for KEPA assistance	March 2023 Outreach	\$9,998 (TRAP2.0)
	Surviving Change	Provided historically underserved minority populations with application assistance and outreach to apply for KEPA assistance	March 2023 Outreach	\$10,000 (TRAP2.0)
	Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center	Provided historically underserved minority populations with application assistance and outreach to apply for KEPA assistance	March - April 2023 Outreach	\$6,776 (TRAP2.0)

### KEPA Eviction Prevention

The Kitsap Eviction Prevention Assistance program was created using state, federal, and local funds with the goal to prevent evictions that would contribute to homelessness by paying landlords for back rent accrued by tenants during the pandemic. This program ended June 30th, 2023.

Funding for this program was targeted toward households most likely to become homeless after eviction in Kitsap County. This eviction assistance program promoted equity in who was served and focused on populations that historically had not been provided equitable access to rent assistance, and those populations most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This included ethnic and racial minorities, LGBTQ+, people with disabilities, and people with limited English proficiency.

To reach these underserved and diverse populations, several outreach organizations assisted in targeted outreach within their communities to directly assist with applying for assistance.

Funding for this program included a requirement to meet benchmarks based upon equitable access among these populations. Kitsap County far exceeded these requirements to work towards racial equity.

**Over \$6.85 million**

in unpaid rental assistance to landlords for **665 most vulnerable**

low-income households at risk of eviction between Jan 1st and Dec 31st of 2023.

### Racial Equity Benchmarks and Performance

