



Kitsap County Housing and  
Homelessness Division

# Annual Report 2024



# 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

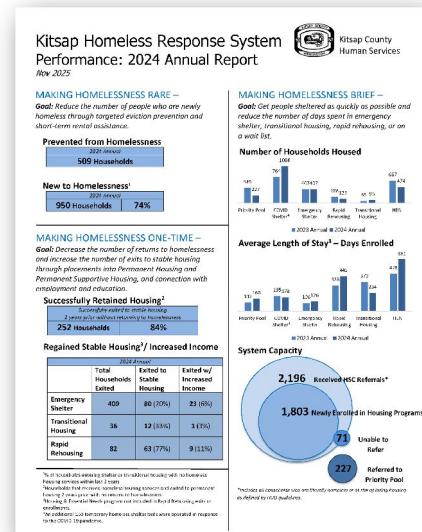
Kitsap County manages the Affordable Housing Grant Program, the Homeless Housing Grant Program, and the Consolidated Housing Grant program.

- Investment of over \$7.6 million annually in non-profit programs and services
  - Administered over \$2.4 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



# Making homelessness rare, brief, and one-time

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# Thank You

To Kitsap County  
Commissioners Charlotte  
Garrido, Christine Rolfs,  
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

## 2024 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 2024, 57 unique volunteers gave a total of 372 hours surveying at 21 locations, including 3 Project Connect Fairs, 5 Street Outreach survey regions, and numerous shifts at 10 food banks and meal locations. In all, 448 individuals were surveyed and 255 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 2024-2025 season three shelter sites located throughout the county (Kingston Village Green, 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 2024-2025 season 957 overnight stays were provided over 31 activation days.

To subscribe to future shelter activation notifications text KITSAPSWS 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 2018 Plan were made only in these sections: Action Plan – Detail Matrix, Appendix D, and Appendix E.



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.

A new 5-year plan will be developed in 2025 with feedback from the public, providers, consumers, community stakeholders, following guidance from the Dept of Commerce with new requirements. The new plan will cover a planning period of 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.

## 2024 Year End Review

### Encampment Response

- Conducted initial and ongoing site visits in response to reported encampments on county property, county parks, county rights-of-way, and visits to private property with law enforcement and Kitsap Public Health District.
- Increased the swiftness of camp response times. Closed over 300 See-Click-Fix reports from the community.
- Increased camp visit frequency and follow ups, and decreased the lapse in time between camp report and camp visit.

### Connecting People with Housing and Services

Connected people living unsheltered with the following assistance and services:

- Housing Solutions Center applications completed by campers seeking shelter, housing, and services.
- Veterans, domestic violence survivors, families, and individuals were helped into emergency shelter.
- People were connected to emergency services or were taken to the emergency room.
- People were connected with the R.E.A.L. team for mental health and substance use resources.
- People were connected to Kitsap Recovery Center's Persons in Need (PIN) program, where treatment was completed and successfully went into stable housing.
- People were referred to Kitsap Mental Health's Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT) for mental health assistance.
- People were referred to Adult Protective Services, and referrals were made to the Developmental Disabilities Administration.
- Individuals were taken to the Salvation Army, Severe Weather shelters, and other immediate needs services.



### Learn More & Full Report

See the full HEART Program 2024 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.

## 2024 Community Outreach

- Multiple representative tours during construction
- Community information session covering progress, plan, and discussion
- A ribbon cutting ceremony was held Dec 6th, with presentations and a guided tour.

## Conversion Progress

- Footings, form rebar, concrete pouring complete
- Plumbing rough-in and installation of kitchen, showers, toilets, sinks, and pet care facilities, new sewer line, and new hot water heaters complete
- Framing interior walls complete
- Roof demolition and restoration complete
- New gas lines, meter, and backup generator installed
- Electric rough-in, lighting, and camera system installed
- New windows and doors installed
- Heating, Ventilation and Air Cooling (HVAC) system and ductwork installed
- New siding and rain gutters installed
- Fire hydrants, alarm systems, and fire sprinklers installed
- Retaining wall on north end constructed
- Yard drains and sprinklers installed
- Ground grading and new sidewalks completed
- Interior and exterior painting completed
- Remaining: Final inspections and closeout



**Construction Phase Completed Dec 29th**  
Opening February 1, 2025!

# Homelessness in Kitsap County



## 2,860

Kitsap County  
households **requested**  
**housing assistance in**  
2024 (Housing Solutions Center)

## 1,117

literally homeless  
households

## 532

were households with children  
(1,027 children total)

## 259

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

## 78%

of households were below  
Federal Poverty Level

## \$937

average monthly income for  
households seeking housing  
assistance at the HSC



## 748

**Homeless children** counted  
by Kitsap School Districts in  
school year '24-'25

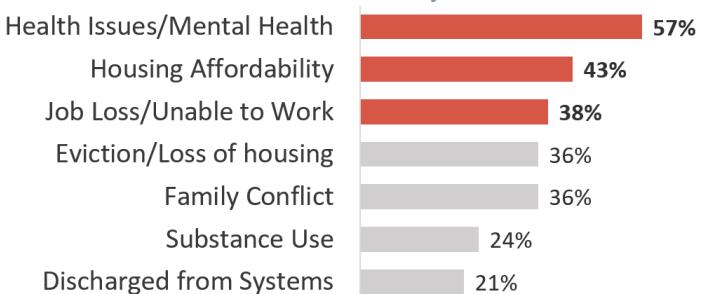


## 597

**People without a**  
**home** counted in a 24-hour  
period in Kitsap County during  
the 2024 Point-in-Time Count

### Causes of Homelessness

2024 Point-in-Time Count - Countywide



### Kitsap Rents Outpacing Wages

Minimum Wage	\$16.28/hr	\$846 Rent Affordable at Minimum Wage
Est. Mean Renter Wage	\$18.75/hr	\$975 Rent Affordable and Mean Renter Wage
Housing Wage for Zero Bedroom	\$31.89/hr	\$1,658 FMR
Housing Wage for One Bedroom	\$33.77/hr	\$1,756 FMR
Housing Wage for Two Bedroom	\$40.32/hr	\$2,097 FMR
Housing Wage for Three Bedroom	\$54.59/hr	\$2,839 FMR
Housing Wage for Four Bedroom	\$63.48/hr	\$3,301 FMR

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

Source: 2024 Out of Reach Report



### High Rents Each Year

## \$1,716

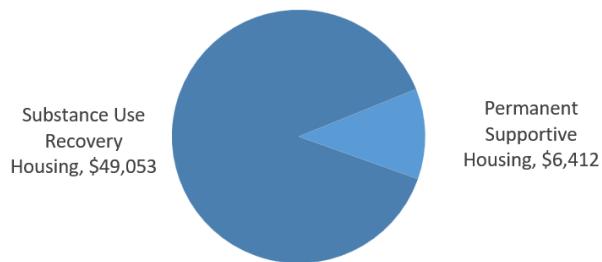
**Average rent** per unit in  
Kitsap County Sept  
2024. An increase of **18%**  
since Sept 2019.

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

# Investments of Public Funds

## Affordable Housing Grant Program \$55,465

Invested in Operations & Maintenance of Shelter and Affordable Housing Units



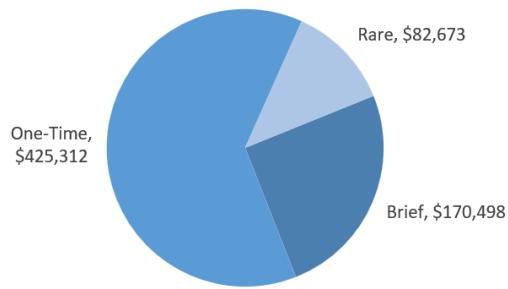
Affordable Housing Grant Program funds are authorized by the Washington State legislature and are collected through a fee on certain transactions recorded at the Auditor's Office.

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 \$678,483

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



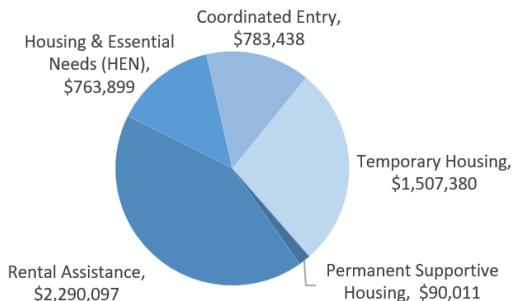
Homeless Housing Grant Program funds are authorized by the Washington State legislature and are collected through a fee on certain transactions recorded at the Auditor's Office.

These grant funds are distributed through a bed-rate model for shelters and competitive processes to Kitsap 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 \$5,434,825

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



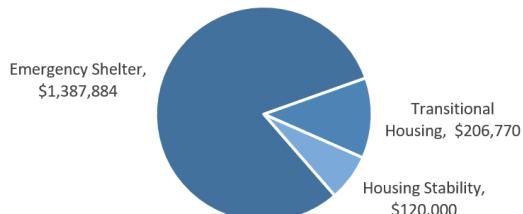
The Consolidated Homeless Grant (CHG) program is funded through the portion of document recording fees that are not retained locally and are transmitted to the Washington State Department of Commerce. Commerce distributes these funds back to counties through contracts for specific homeless housing and 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 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.

Includes EHF Funding for SFY 2025.

## Emergency Housing Fund \$1,714,654

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.

\*\* SFY 2024 ONLY

# 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	2024 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>Kitsap Community Resources</b> Eviction Prevention CHG (\$1,701,873) / By & For Partners (\$292,129)  <b>North Kitsap Fishline</b> EHF (\$9,000), CHG (\$4,314)  <b>Olive Crest</b> CHG (\$21,691), EHF (\$5,058), HHGP (\$14,954)  <b>Kitsap Legal Aid Services</b> Housing Stability Services CHG (\$34,000)	<b>105</b> low-income households (including <b>34</b> households with children and <b>7</b> households with young adults) retained housing, with a focus on marginalized communities and connecting households with services to prevention evictions  <b>16</b> households prevented from eviction/able to secure housing  <b>9</b> foster youth retained stable housing  <b>15</b> households provided with eviction legal services
<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</b> Housing Solutions Center CHG (\$566,142)	<b>2,860</b> households connected to shelter and housing  <b>462</b> individuals were contacted by outreach specialists in the community, at events, the jail, and treatment facilities
<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>Catholic Community Services</b> Benedict House EHF (\$79,542), CHG (\$94,106)  <b>Coffee Oasis</b> Youth Shelter EHF (\$19,449), CHG (\$18,344)  <b>Kitsap Community Resources</b> Emergency Housing EHF (\$93,986), CHG (\$23,481)  <b>CHG &amp; HSC Motel Leasing</b> EHF (\$974,156), CHG (\$291,290)  <b>St Vincent de Paul</b> Stella Maris House EHF (\$97,885), CHG (\$60,720)  <b>The Salvation Army</b> Low Barrier Shelter CHG (\$790,370)  <b>Motel Vouchers</b> CHG (\$7,868)  <b>Weaver Foundation</b> Georgia's House EHF (\$89,843), CHG (\$103,770)  <b>YWCA of Kitsap County</b> ALIVE Domestic Violence Shelter EHF (\$33,023), CHG (\$14,804)	<b>24</b> beds for single men <b>98</b> individuals served  <b>6</b> beds for youth 16-20 years of age <b>32</b> youth served  <b>16</b> beds for families <b>17</b> individuals served in family shelter units  <b>170</b> individuals served in leased motel rooms  <b>23<sup>1</sup></b> beds for women and women with children <b>137</b> individuals served  <b>70</b> low-barrier harm reduction beds for couples, households with pets, single parents, and single adults <b>1,019</b> individuals served  <b>34</b> individuals served from families or shelter overflow  <b>24</b> beds for women and women with children <b>88</b> individuals served  <b>13</b> beds for women and families fleeing domestic violence <b>73</b> individuals served
<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.	<b>Severe Weather Shelters</b> HHGP (\$20,000)	<b>53</b> max beds across <b>3</b> locations - availability is weather dependent <b>957</b> overnight stays

Strategies	Investments	2024 Results
<b>Transitional Housing</b>  <p>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.</p>	<b>Kitsap Community Resources</b> Transitional Housing CHG (\$31,590)*, EHF (\$54,774)*  <b>YWCA of Kitsap County</b> Morrow Manor HHGP (\$55,000)	37 units for families 13 households served  12 units for women and women with children fleeing domestic violence served. 6 households served
<b>Homeless Services</b>  <p>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.</p>	<b>Kitsap Community Resources</b> CHG (\$80,377)*, EHF (\$65,226)*  <b>North Kitsap Fishline</b> CHG (\$58,143), EHF (\$41,000)  <b>Northwest Hospitality</b> HHGP (\$33,000)  <b>Olive Crest</b> Foster Youth for Independence CHG (\$3,524) Independent Living Skills CHG (\$23,497), EHF (\$25,330)  <b>The Coffee Oasis</b> CHG (\$132,133), EHF (\$100,000)  <b>The Salvation Army</b> HHGP (\$82,498)  <b>Kitsap HEART Program</b> EHF (\$26,232), CHG (\$38,616)	71 households provided case management and services  7 adults provided safe parking or camping space 67 households provided with homeless supportive services  42 households living in their vehicles were provided with supportive services and repairs  7 foster youth 18-24 years of age received supportive services to build a path to self-sufficiency  34 foster youth and youth in the justice system received housing case management and skills training  575 youth connected to services, 573 youth attend classes in a drop-in center, 159 youth attended job prep classes  861 homeless individuals provided with supportive services and items including: 17,976 bus tokens, 402 people provided ID assistance, and 250 gas vouchers  See pg 4 for detailed outcomes
<b>Permanent Supportive Housing</b>  <p>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.</p>	<b>Kitsap Community Resources</b> Housing for Chronically Homeless CHG (\$90,011)  <b>Kitsap Homes of Compassion</b> Homes Not Benches AHGP (\$6,412), HHGP (\$130,000)  <b>Kitsap Mental Health</b> Housing Team HHGP (\$163,350)	5 units for families 11 households served  57 rooms for single adults with disabilities 55 households served, 46 households provided case management services  33 units for individuals living with chronic or severe mental illness 70 households served
<b>Permanent Housing</b>  <p>Permanent subsidized housing that serves low-income individuals or households without a disability, but who need ongoing supportive services and assistance.</p>	<b>Catholic Housing Services</b> Max Hale Center HHGP (\$27,500)  <b>Housing Resources Bainbridge</b> Permanent Affordable Housing HHGP (\$67,719)	53 units for single adults 45 households served  8 units for low-income households 9 households served
<b>Substance Use Recovery Housing</b>  <p>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.</p>	<b>Agape Unlimited</b> Sisyphus II Permanent Housing HHGP (\$46,089) <b>Koinonia Inn Transitional Housing</b> AHGP (\$21,939), HHGP (\$24,794)  <b>West Sound Treatment Center</b> Fuller House and Lighthouse AHGP (\$27,114), HHGP (\$33,580)	24 units for single adults and families 64 households housed with recovery supports  6 units for pregnant and parenting women in recovery 15 households housed with recovery supports  8 units for single women and women w/children 6 units for single men 35 households served with recovery housing and supports

Strategies	Investments	2024 Results
<b>Rapid Re-Housing</b>  Helps to quickly move households from homelessness into permanent housing by providing move in assistance, temporary rent subsidies, and housing-focused case management.	<b>Kitsap Community Resources</b> Rapid Re-Housing CHG (\$561,218)	10 households obtained stable housing 24 households assisted with rental supports 44 households assisted with housing case management
<b>HEN - Housing &amp; Essential Needs</b>  Provides program participants with rent assistance, utility and transportation assistance, as well as hygiene supplies.	<b>Catholic Community Services</b> Housing & Essential Needs CHG (\$763,899)	481 households helped to obtain or retain housing and provided essential needs

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

- The Kitsap Eviction Prevention Planning Team, comprised of service providers, legal aid, and dispute resolution experts, continued to convene on a regular basis even after the initial pandemic-driven program which prompted its formation had ended.
- Continued work to develop a new temporary co-sheltering residential facility in Port Orchard, the Pacific Building project, including interior demolition, reconfiguration, construction, framing, plumbing, electrical, flooring, sprinkler system, HVAC, bathrooms, kitchen, offices, laundry room, and the installation of a vet and pet care area. Exterior upgrades included utility upgrades, roof restoration, new siding, fencing, pet runs, play area, and a garden.

## Goal 5: Expand community engagement.

- The HEART program participated in 2 public community meetings to provide education and to engage with specific neighborhoods regarding encampments.
- Provided public information sessions about homelessness to veteran groups and in the Manchester community.
- Provided monthly updates on the construction progress of the Pacific Building Shelter.
- Provided a community information session about the Pacific Building goals, progress, plan, and discussion.
- The Pacific Building ribbon cutting ceremony was held Dec 6th, with presentations and a guided tour.

"H" entered Benedict House through the respite program in April 2022 following a "stroke-like incident". As a result of his medical fragility and extended hospital stay, "H" lost his apartment and had nowhere to discharge safely. His medical conditions were the top priority but also meant he would not be able to return to work. While at Benedict House "H" worked toward medical stability and recovery. He only had social security for income, but applied to housing wait lists, landlord lists, programs and services for housing help. Two and a half years into his stay "H" received a call that he had been accepted into an apartment. He moved in not only with his medical situation stabilized, but with transportation arranged, a caregiver, furniture, and everything needed to maintain his stability and success.

A single mother with young children (one with special needs) came into shelter after being evicted and couch surfing for almost a year. The guest had untreated mental health conditions that were stabilized with support from the KRM LMHC. With help from the case manager and Kitsap Legal Services, the guest was able to resolve her prior eviction. She worked with the housing navigator and Bremerton Housing Authority to successfully receive a housing choice voucher and has secured a 3-bedroom unit for her and her children. KRM will continue to provide case management for up to 45 days from her shelter exit to ensure she makes a smooth transition and has the help and ongoing support she needs to maintain her new household.

Catholic Community Services  
Benedict House Guest

Kitsap Rescue Mission  
Guests

# 2024 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.



**509** 

Households prevented from homelessness

**74%** 

Of households were experiencing homelessness for the first time (950 households)

## Make homelessness brief.



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

**29**

**6,669**

Total unduplicated households served by the Kitsap Homeless Crisis Response System

### Length of time and households served by intervention

Priority Pool 

160 days avg  
227 households

\*COVID Shelter 

178 days avg  
1086 households

Continuous Stay Shelter 

126 days avg  
407 households

Rapid Re-Housing 

445 days avg  
123 households

Transitional Housing 

234 days avg  
95 households

Housing & Essential Needs 

661 days avg  
474 households

## Make homelessness one-time.

**1 X**

**200** 

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

**84%** 

of 251 households have not returned to homelessness

after exiting to housing 2 years prior

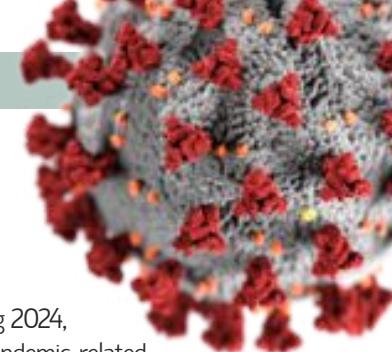
Performance is measured system-wide for Kitsap County; these measures include housing intervention programs funded by other sources. These additional programs are not funded by grants distributed through the Division, but are an important part of the Homeless Crisis Response System and provide additional 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, 2024.

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# 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 2024, 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.



## 2024 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 for couples, households with pets, single parents, single men, and single women	744 unique individuals sheltered with 11,249 bednights and 50,056 meals served	\$1,325,488 (ARPA)
 Kitsap Rescue Mission	The addition and operation of between 70-100 continuous stay shelter beds at the Quality Inn for single adults and families	190 unique individuals sheltered and 33,079 meals served	\$982,130 (ARPA)

## 2024 Eviction Prevention and Housing Stability

Organization	Description	Results	Investments
 Kitsap Legal Services	Provided free eviction defense legal services to low-income tenant facing eviction and housing stability services	91 households provided with eviction defense services, and 35 provided with housing stability services	\$26,232 (ARPA) \$1,664 (ERA2)
 Kitsap Community Resources	Provided rental assistance to landlords for households engaged in the eviction prevention	8 unique households served	\$105,959 (ARPA)

## 2020-2024 Pandemic Funding, Services, and Supplies Summary

Assistance Type	Description	Results	Investments
 Additional Emergency Shelter Capacity	Added additional 150 beds of shelter capacity through year-round beds at Kitsap Rescue Mission and The Salvation Army. Kitsap Community Resources additionally operated a hotel voucher program to expand emergency sheltering options	3,615 additional unique individuals sheltered with additional capacity 2020-2024, with 283,678 bednights	\$9,836,744 (ARPA) \$902,196 (CV-19) \$1,612,891 (ESG-CV)
 Shelter Supports and Response	Existing shelters were provided additional funding to operate 24/7 and implement CDC guidance and practices	105 existing shelter beds moved to 24/7 operations	\$114,732 (ARPA) \$205,742 (CV-19)
 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Distributed personal protective equipment (PPE) to homeless shelters and housing programs.  Participated in a cloth mask distribution program to non-profits, food banks, and other community programs for low-income households	Over 237,000 gloves, 41,000 masks, 1,000 gowns, 2,000 hand sanitizers, and 1,000 other supplies  Distributed 108,600 cloth masks	PPE supplies provided through the Kitsap Emergency Operations Center
 Eviction Prevention Rental Assistance	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.	4,230 total low-income households assisted in KEPA assistance programs  120 households assisted with rental assistance as part of the Eviction Prevention Pilot Program (ARPA)	\$7,830,921 (ERA1) \$6,635,611 (ERA2) \$5,236,756 (ERAP1.0) \$6,635,610 (ERAP2.0) \$7,554,541 (TRAP1.0) \$6,956,208 (TRAP2.0) \$1,800,000 (ARPA)
 By & For Partners	To reach these underserved and diverse populations, several outreach organizations assisted in targeted outreach within their communities to directly assist with applying for assistance	42.1% of all KEPA households assisted were persons of color	\$89,692 (ERAP1.0) \$297,126 (TRAP1.0) \$757,409 (TRAP2.0)
 Eviction Prevention Pilot Program and Legal Assistance	Kitsap Legal Aid provided eviction defense legal services to low-income tenants, and housing stability services to prevent evictions  Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County assisted landlords and tenants to resolve eviction situations	KLAS - 223 households provided housing stability legal services  DRC - mediated and closed 1,009 cases	\$340,394 (ARPA) \$136,743 (TRAP2.0) \$91,000 (ERA2)
 Rapid Rehousing and Homelessness Prevention	Olive Crest provided supportive services and rental assistance to foster youth	26 foster youth assisted with case management and financial assistance	\$121,886 (ESG-CV)
 Other	Randy-Kan/DTG handwashing station at emergency shelters, temporary Gateway Church day center, purchase of mobile shower unit, acquisition of the Olympic Fitness Center to renovate for the Pacific Building.	Handwashing stations, day center, showers, as pandemic response and acquiring facility for the Pacific Building	\$44,898 (ARPA) \$327,971 (CV-19) \$1,531,739 (SPG)
Total	Pandemic Related Funding Distributed through the Housing & Homelessness Division 2020-2024		\$58,810,340

ARPA: American Rescue Plan Act | CV-19: Commerce Outbreak Emergency Housing Grant | ERA1/2: Emergency Rental Assistance Programs 1/2  
ERAP1.0/2.0: Eviction Rent Assistance Programs 1.0/2.0 | TRAP1.0/2.0: Treasury Rent Assistance Programs 1.0/2.0  
ESG-CV: Emergency Solutions Grant - COVID-19 | SPG: Shelter Program Grant