

Temporary Shelter & Housing

Temporary Shelter and Emergency Housing programs vary in service model but are often time-limited, providing an interim step toward securing permanent housing. These services are the most difficult and most urgent services the City provides. The City offers resources for participants working with the City's Homeless Outreach Coordinator and the Homelessness Assistance and Response Team.

Examples of Kirkland Programs

- Safe Parking Programs offer a safe place for residents living in vehicles or recreational vehicles to park and receive services to support transition back into housing.
- Transitional Housing focuses on temporary housing with supportive services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness that is time limited, usually up to two years.
- Sanctioned Encampments (tent cities) are legally sanctioned temporary shelters. The City has supported these encampments, however they have been managed by a local faith-based organization and not located on City property.
- First response teams and the HART team distribute hotel vouchers during cold-weather events – a program that began in 2021.

The City has supported/collaborated with the following sanctioned encampment and Safe Parking programs in Kirkland:

- **Overlake:** provides safe parking for individuals and couples
- **Lake Washington:** provides safe parking for women and families
- **Muslim Community Resource Center:** provides 9 units of culturally and socially appropriate transitional housing for single women
- **Hopelink:** provides 90 transitional housing units (30 were previously Attain Housing) for families experiencing homelessness
- **Camp United We Stand:** Rotating tent city hosted by Kirkland Congregational United Church of Christ
- **Camp Unity:** (no longer exists because they housed everyone in the program)



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Prevention

Homelessness Prevention provides resources to keep individuals and families housed when experiencing an unexpected financial event or crisis that can lead to housing instability. By providing direct assistance, the City's goal is to keep households housed.

Examples of Kirkland Programs

- Common services include financial assistance or legal support that can help with eviction prevention, rent, utilities, medical bills, car repairs, and childcare.
- Funding a full-time attorney dedicated to eviction prevention for low-income Kirkland residents in partnership with Eastside Legal Assistance Program.
- Human Services Coordinator position focused on Community Wellbeing.
- Awarded over \$700,000 in grant funding to agencies providing rent, utilities, and financial assistance to support low-income, families with children, and Limited English Proficient households in 2023–2024.



Kirkland's grant funding has gone to agencies and prevention programs, including:

4 Tomorrow: provides rent, mortgage, and move-in assistance for households experiencing a financial crisis.

Hopelink: provides flexible financial assistance to meet basic needs, with a focus on eviction and risk of homelessness.

Muslim Community Resource Center: provides emergency rental assistance to families between 30-50% AMI.

Overlake Christian Church: emergency financial assistance for rent, mortgage, or utility bills

Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP): funding for full-time attorney to assist low-income Kirkland residents with eviction prevention



Prevention

Subsidized Permanent Housing


Subsidized Permanent Housing supports long-term stability for low to moderate income households. Permanent affordable housing units are built with public funds and also created through local housing incentive and inclusionary programs, including mandatory inclusionary zoning, voluntary density bonus, and multifamily tax exemptions.

Examples of Kirkland Programs

- Housing units are stable and rent restricted, ensuring households pay no more than 30% of their monthly income on rent and utilities.
- Provides units for families with children, households exiting homelessness, veterans, people living with disabilities, and seniors.
- As a member, the City partially funds A Regional Coalition for Housing. ARCH's goal is to preserve and increase the housing supply for low- and moderate-income households in East King County.
- Programs and partnerships have generated 610 affordable units throughout the City.
- **Permanent Supportive Housing** pairs subsidized housing with case management and services that can include behavioral health, legal services, employment navigation, transportation, and food.

Local housing incentive and inclusionary programs have generated over **600 Permanent Affordable Housing** projects for stable, rent restricted housing for low- and moderate-income households in Totem Lake. Through ARCH the City has invested in King County Housing Authority properties, such as Kirkland Heights with 76 units serving low-income families.

- Grant funding also supports **Permanent Affordable Housing with Services**, such as Imagine Housing that offers case management and community building events for over 250 low-income households at four properties.
- La Quinta Inn, purchased by King County for the Health through Housing Initiative, is an example **Permanent Supportive Housing** and will provide housing with wraparound services for 100 residents beginning in 2025.



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Outreach

Outreach focuses on building relationships with people experiencing homelessness by connecting them with immediate resources and services to foster trust. Outreach work includes basic needs distribution, food, water, and referrals to services like shelter, housing, treatment, and healthcare.

Examples of Kirkland Programs

- The Homelessness Assistance and Response Team: Staff from various departments provide outreach and assistance to residents experiencing homelessness.
- The Regional Crisis Response Agency team provides mobile crisis response services to serve community members experiencing behavioral health challenges.
- The City provides flexible assistance fund to assist outreach staff with purchases like food, document replacement, transportation, and other small barriers that can hinder a person's ability to access housing.
- First response teams and the HART team distribute hotel vouchers during cold weather events.

Our HART Team Members:

Meli Paulo – Homeless Outreach Coordinator, Parks and Community Services

Tiffany Trombley & Paul Arnold – Neighborhood Resource Officers (NRO), Kirkland Police Department (KPD)

Chris Meter, EMT-Firefighter & Taryn Robinson, Case Manager – Kirkland Fire Department

Renee Cox – Crisis Responder Mental Health Professional Supervisor, RCR Agency

Betty Fletcher – Park Ranger, Parks & Community Services

Ryan Fowler – Streets and Grounds Manager, Public Works

Denise Russell – Planning Supervisor, Code Enforcement Team, Planning & Building

Travis Locking – Community Coordinator, Kirkland Municipal Court



Outreach

Emergency Shelter Services

Outreach are programs that offer 24/7/365 shelter with wraparound support to households who have lost housing, including case management, employment, and behavioral health support. The majority are near or at capacity on any given night. Best practice models for shelter focus on population type, so access points for shelter vary based on household composition.

Examples of Kirkland Programs

- On the Eastside, there are 8 year-round shelters serving men, women, youth, families and domestic violence survivors, totaling over 700 beds.
- Shelters serving families and domestic violence survivors participate in a regional network of shelters throughout King County to manage regional capacity in an attempt to not turn a household away from services.
- Human services grants support shelter capacity, day centers, and expanded services.
- In 2023-2024, the City invested over \$1 million through various funding sources.

Kirkland's Human Services grants support shelter capacity, day centers, and expanded services:

● Shelters

Catholic Community Services: emergency overnight shelter with wraparound services for families experiencing homelessness, 62 beds

Friends of Youth: emergency overnight shelter with wraparound services for youth and young adults, ages 7-25, 35 beds

The Sophia Way: emergency overnight shelter with wraparound services for women experiencing homelessness, 48 beds

The Sophia Way: extended emergency shelter (up to 6 months) for women experiencing homelessness, 21 beds

Porchlight: emergency overnight shelter with wraparound services for men experiencing homelessness, 100 beds

Porchlight: rotating emergency shelter for men experiencing homelessness, additional 20 beds

Mary's Place: emergency overnight shelter with wraparound services for families experiencing homelessness, 260 beds

Hopelink: emergency overnight shelter for families experiencing homelessness, 32 beds

● Day Centers

Catholic Community Services: provide drop-in day services for families experiencing homelessness

Friends of Youth: provide drop-in day services for youth and young adults experiencing homelessness

The Sophia Way: provide drop-in day services for women experiencing homelessness

Porchlight: provide drop-in day services for men experiencing homelessness

Overlake Church: provides drop-in day services for individuals and couples experiencing homelessness



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