

Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The King County Consortium Annual Action Plan (Action Plan) guides the investment of federal housing and community development funds for the program year beginning January 1 and ending December 31. The Action Plan is a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), through which the King County Consortium (Consortium) receives an annual entitlement, or formula grant, from each of these funds: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The Consortium received the following grant amounts for the 2024 program year period:

CDBG \$5,646,763

HOME \$3,464,904

ESG \$295,182

If the grant amounts are higher or lower than estimated, King County staff will adjust the funding planned for projects in this Action Plan.

These funds will be used to address housing, homelessness and community and economic development needs throughout King County in 2024.

The Consortium is guided by an interjurisdictional Joint Recommendations Committee (JRC). The JRC is created through the interlocal cooperation agreements that form the CDBG Consortium, the King County HOME Consortium, and the King County Regional Affordable Housing Program (RAHP) Consortium. The JRC recommends the allocation of CDBG, ESG, and HOME funds to specific projects, and advises on guidelines and procedures for King County and the Consortium partners. The JRC consists of eight city representatives and three County representatives.

The Consortium is an interjurisdictional partnership of King County and the cities and towns of Algona, Black Diamond, Beaux Arts, Bothell, Burien, Carnation, Clyde Hill, Covington, Des Moines, Duvall, Enumclaw, Hunts Point, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, Maple Valley, Medina, Mercer Island, Newcastle, Normandy Park, North Bend, Pacific, Redmond, Renton, Sammamish, SeaTac, Shoreline, Skykomish, Snoqualmie, Tukwila, Woodinville, and Yarrow Point and Unincorporated King County. The Consortium does not include the City of Seattle. The cities of Auburn, Bellevue, Kent, and Federal Way participate in the Consortium for the use of HOME funds for affordable housing. These four cities receive their own CDBG entitlement and prepare separate Action Plans to guide the investment of those funds.

This Action Plan incorporates the findings and goals of the 2019 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI). The AI finds that systemic segregation, disproportionate housing needs and individual-level discrimination are present and ongoing in King County. Disproportionately greater need exists in the South King County area. The 2024 AI will be approved in the fourth quarter of 2024.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

HUD-funded housing and community development programs have a broad national goal: to “develop viable urban communities, by providing decent affordable housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low-and moderate-income persons” (the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended).

Within that broad national goal, Consortium jurisdictions work together as partners to identify and address the needs of low- and moderate-income people, communities, and neighborhoods.

The Consortium set the following goals in its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan:

Affordable Housing - Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing. This will be accomplished through: 1) competitive funding for new affordable rental and homeownership projects; 2) preservation of existing rental units that provide housing for income-eligible households; 3) housing repair for income eligible homeowners; and 4) innovative housing models. The Consortium will engage in other housing activities, collaborations and partnerships to enhance opportunities for equitable development and the creation/preservation of affordable housing. During the course of the Consolidated Plan, funding may be prioritized for targeted areas in South King County as identified through the Communities of Opportunity Initiative or other collaborative processes. Efforts to increase affordable housing should not harm other community assets such as small businesses and cultural assets. If impacts are anticipated, extensive community engagement and mitigation actions should be incorporated. The Consortium will plan for and support fair housing strategies and initiatives designed to further fair housing choice and increase access to housing and housing programs. Progress toward fair housing goals will be reported annually. The interjurisdictional Affordable Housing Committee continues to implement regional planning to address the affordable housing crisis in King County.

End Homelessness - Make homelessness rare, brief, and one-time and eliminate racial disparities. King County will work to develop a cohesive and coordinated homelessness response system grounded in the principle of Housing First and shared outcomes. Investments in projects will ensure that households experiencing homelessness from all sub-populations (families, youth/young adults, and adults without children) are treated with dignity and respect. Main goals include returning all homeless households to

permanent housing as quickly as possible, completing the transition from temporary to permanent housing as soon as they are ready.

Community and Economic Development - Investments across the Consortium in low-income communities benefit low-income people and ensure equitable opportunities for good health, happiness, safety, and connection to community. Investments in new developments in eligible communities are designed to promote a healthy lifestyle, reflect the range of income levels in the region, and have accessible connectivity with amenities, services and opportunities. This includes support for incubator, local and small businesses, especially if owned by vulnerable populations.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

Progress toward Consolidated Plan Goals: Each year the Consortium prepares a Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) and submits it to HUD by March 31. The CAPER reports on the specific accomplishments and activities for that year. Some activities funded in previous program years that take more than one year to complete are reported here as well. Program accomplishments completed in 2023 with CDBG, HOME and ESG funds include:

- Completed 38 HOME rental units in 2023 (Plymouth Housing Group's Eastgate Permanent Supportive Housing project).
 - Provided homelessness prevention services to 920 people;
 - Provided emergency shelter services to 1,174 people;
 - Other – Provided diversion services to 681 people;
 - Completed water main improvements in the City of Algona and Glendale (Unincorporated King County), serving 2,775 persons annually;
 - Completed ADA ramp improvements in Issaquah, serving 5,327 people annually;
 - Completed pre-development activities for the White Center Hub, serving 15,595 people annually;
 - Completed homeless shelter rehabilitation in Burien, serving 632 people annually; and
- Provided business assistance to 150 microenterprises.

Past CAPERs are posted on the King County Housing and Community Development Division (HCDD) website.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

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Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The HCDD of the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) provided public comment opportunities on the 2024 recommended projects at the September 28, 2023, JRC meeting. A public comment period on the draft 2024 Annual Action Plan occurred from December 1 to December 31, 2023.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

There were no public comments.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

There were no public comments.

7. Summary

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies - 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role		Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator		KING COUNTY	Department of Community and Human Services HHCD
HOME Administrator		KING COUNTY	Department of Community and Human Services HHCD
ESG Administrator		KING COUNTY	Department of Community and Human Services HHCD

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

King County and the Consortium administer the CDBG, HOME, ESG and other state and local funds. The King County DCHS is responsible for the preparation of the Consolidated Plan guiding investment of these funds.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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AP-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

The King County Consortium (Consortium) follows a consultation process in updating the Action Plan and the coordination with other local governments, the Continuum of Care, public and private housing providers, service agencies, private foundations, educational institutions and representatives, and people from low- and moderate-income communities. The Consortium administers CDBG, HOME, ESG, and other state and local funds. King County works closely with Consortium partners, residents, community organizations and other public entities, including the local Continuum of Care, to identify the needs and priorities outlined in this plan.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l)).

The Consortium takes a regional approach, engaging in ongoing coordination between jurisdictions, housing providers, health providers and service agencies. The 38 members of the Consortium conduct and participate in ongoing meetings with each other and regularly engage with multiple stakeholders, including: Washington State Housing Finance Commission; Washington State Department of Commerce; A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH); South King County Housing and Homelessness Partners (SKHHP), public housing authorities (King County Housing Authority, Renton Housing Authority, and Seattle Housing Authority); King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA); Continuum of Care (CoC); nonprofit housing and service providers; members of the Housing Development Consortium of Seattle-King County; Public Health-Seattle and King County; Human Services Planners for North, East and South King County; and the DCHS Behavioral Health and Recovery Division. This coordination is ongoing throughout the program year and, together with official stakeholder and public meetings, informs recommendations for the JRC.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The Consortium is building a successful homelessness response system centered on principles of Housing First and Racial Equity, with a coordinated and regional response to the crisis of homelessness. The Consortium is working with urgency towards the high-level goal of achieving Functional Zero, defined as a system where homelessness is avoidable, and there are immediate options for someone who is experiencing homelessness to return to housing within 20 days.

Consultation with CoC - During the planning process, CoC advised and collaborated with King County and Seattle in stakeholder meetings as a part of the development of the Consolidated Plan and the Action Plan.

Allocation of ESG Funds - King County consults with member jurisdictions, stakeholders, and the public and works with the JRC to allocate ESG funds. Historically, funding awards were made on a competitive basis through bi-annual funding rounds managed by HCDD, advertised publicly and conducted through King County Procurement. Beginning in 2024 procurement of ESG funds will be done in collaboration with KCRHA.

Performance Standards and Evaluation of Outcomes - All projects adhere to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) operating standards and all reporting and program evaluations run through HMIS. HMIS collects data for target populations, including youth and young adults, singles and families for 1) exits to permanent housing; 2) average program stay; and 3) returns to homelessness. HMIS collects information for emergency shelters, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and prevention and rental assistance programs. Actual performance is measured against the target goals.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

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Funding, Policies and Procedures for HMIS – During years of management, King County has improved the efficiency and accountability of HMIS. This strengthens the infrastructure and refines the process that allows HMIS to act as the data system platform for the CEA system, allowing continued and substantial improvement in the amount and accuracy of data reported. While King County continues to contribute funding to the CoC’s HMIS and to use HMIS for program management and evaluation, in 2022 management of the HMIS itself transferred from King County to KCRHA.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	A REGIONAL COALITION FOR HOUSING
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Representatives from ARCH attended an interactive meeting with discussion on the crisis response system, housing, priorities and strategies for the Consolidated Plan.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Auburn
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Representatives from the City of Auburn participated closely in the housing and homelessness strategies.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Bellevue
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Representatives from the City of Bellevue participated in the housing and homelessness strategies.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Kent
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Representatives from the City of Kent participated closely in the housing and homelessness strategies.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF FEDERAL WAY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Representatives from the City of Federal Way participated closely in the housing and homelessness strategies
6	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF BURIEN
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Representatives from the City of Burien participated closely in the housing and homelessness strategies
7	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF KIRKLAND
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Representatives from the City of Kirkland participated closely in the housing and homelessness strategies
8	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF REDMOND
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Representatives from the City of Redmond participated closely in the housing and homelessness strategies
9	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF RENTON
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Representatives from the City of Renton participated closely in the housing and homelessness strategies
10	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF SHORELINE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Representatives from the City of Shoreline participated closely in the housing and homelessness strategies
11	Agency/Group/Organization	CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES OF WESTERN WASHINGTON
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Representatives of Catholic Community Services provided input on homeless strategies, and non-homeless special needs.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	KING COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	King County consulted with KCHA through all phases of the planning process. King County conducts ongoing consultation with the King County Housing Authority for housing and programs that serve people experiencing homelessness.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Development Consortium (HDC)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	HDC is a membership organization representing the many agencies and businesses involved in the nonprofit housing industry. Its members include nonprofit housing providers, homelessness services organizations, lenders, builders, architects, investors, local government and housing authorities. HDC was involved in all phases of the planning process, as well as regional efforts that preceded and directly impacted the process.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Renton Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Planning organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	King County consulted with the Renton Housing Authority through all phases of the planning process. King County conducts ongoing consultation with the RHA for housing and programs that serve people experiencing homelessness.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

King County excluded no agencies or types of agencies involved in housing, homelessness or community development from consultation. Staff worked to ensure advance publication of meetings and other opportunities to contribute.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	King County Regional Homelessness Authority	This plan informs and sets priorities and goals that link to all three overarching goals in the Strategic Plan, and particularly Goal Two: Make Homelessness Brief and One-Time.
Regional Affordable Housing Task Force	Regional planning task force with representatives from King County, City of Seattle, other cities	The overarching goal of this plan was to address the affordable housing crisis in King County. This plan sets out a Five-Year Action Plan with seven goal areas with strategies to achieve goals, and actions that can be taken in the near term to implement the strategies.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Plan	King County	This plan describes the expenditure of levy proceeds to achieve outcomes related to healthy living, housing stability, financial stability, social engagement, and service system access for veterans and military service members and their respective families, seniors and their caregivers, and vulnerable populations.
Best Starts For Kids Implementation Plan	King County	This plan describes the expenditure of levy proceeds for the Best Starts for Kids levy, which includes a focus on youth and family homelessness prevention.
King County Equity & Social Justice Strategic Plan	King County	The principles of the Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan inform and guide this report and its findings and recommendations.
King County Comprehensive Plan	King County	Guiding policy document for regional services, land use and development regulations in unincorporated King County.
King County County-wide Planning Policies	King County	Identifies and sets underlying policy goals for comprehensive plans and long-range affordable housing goals for local jurisdictions.
Urban Growth Capacity Study	King County	Development information for jurisdictions in King County.
Vision 2050	Puget Sound Regional Council	Vision 2050 is an integrated and long-range vision for maintaining a healthy region. This draft plan emphasizes triple bottom line decision-making: people, prosperity, and planet.
King County Strategic Climate Action Plan (SCAP)	King County	The SCAP is a five-year blueprint for County action to confront climate change, integrating climate change into all areas of County operations and its work in the community. The SCAP emphasizes the impact of climate change on low income and historically underinvested communities.
Moving Toward Age Friendly Housing in King County	Aging and Disability Services, City of Seattle Office of Housing, Seattle HA, King County	This report called out the increasing need for senior and or adaptable housing as baby boomers age. The affordable housing goals in the Strategic Plan reflects this demographic.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Seattle Consolidated HHCD Plan	City of Seattle	HUD required plan guiding the investment of CDBG, ESG, and HOME entitlement grants for the City of Seattle. This includes the HOPWA plan for the region, including King County.
Skyway-West Hill and North Highline Anti-Displacem	King County	This report analyzes and makes recommendations for a suite of actionable anti-displacement strategies for the Skyway-West Hill and North Highline communities. The recommendations include production of affordable housing and anti-poverty strategies in alignment with the Consolidated Plan's affordable housing and community and economic development goals.
King County Equitable Development Initiative Imple	King County	EDI Phase 1 is a plan for an initiative to provide a framework to improve access to opportunities to the communities most effected by historic inequalities and current conditions.
KCRHA 5-Year Plan	King County Regional Homelessness Authority	This plan informs and sets priorities and goals that link to all three overarching goals in the Strategic Plan, and particularly Goal Two: Make Homelessness Brief and One-Time

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

Broadband

In the 2020-2023 King County Information Technology Strategic Information Plan, KCIT seeks to further promote and expand digital equity for not served and underserved communities through public and private partnerships and utilization of government assets.

In 2023, the Washington State Broadband Office (WSBO) reached out to all 39 counties in the state of Washington in February of 2023 and requested a broadband infrastructure and digital equity report. In response to this request King County IT and Seattle IT developed the KCIT-Seattle Regional Broadband Infrastructure and Digital Equity Local Action Report. This report supports Washington State's statewide planning effort for the WSBO five-year Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) plan, Digital Equity Act Plan, and proposals to the US Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Internet for All program to help secure broadband funding for the region.

A Preliminary Broadband Access Team (BAT)

The WSBO has been informally working with BATs since 2020. King County nor the City of Seattle had a BAT at the time the report request was

sent from the WSBO. For the purposes of this report, a preliminary BAT was established. The purpose of the group was to gather feedback from stakeholders for the WSBO BEAD worksheets and develop the location action report. Membership was comprised of representatives of the following entities: KCIT, Seattle IT, Digital Equity Learning Network of Seattle and King County (DELN), Workforce Development Council of Seattle, and 71 organizations located in King County (see Appendix A). Outreach by the BAT included engagement with anchor institutions which are CBOs, community colleges, career and technical centers, libraries, and cities. Establishing a formalized BAT will be developed in the future. To streamline the process of identifying possible broadband projects in King County, the county has been divided into three distinct project areas: urban, suburban, and rural. These project areas serve as general guidelines rather than specific map boundaries. These areas are crucial for helping to focus on appropriate technologies while also maximizing the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD)¹⁸ funding potentially awarded to the county projects in 2024/2025.

Next actions include providing additional detail to the WSBO in 2024 and 2025, addressing:

Collaboration with ISPs to determine the costs of lateral extensions (infrastructure that comes from the main internet service line in the road to a resident's home) to homes within their respective service areas in urban project areas.

Identifying a partner for the rural project area and developing a project proposal.

Engaging with wireless carriers to better understand their desired involvement in BEAD funding.

Continuing to update and improve the accuracy of the FCC Broadband map, particularly regarding missing locations and inaccurate broadband availability data.

Resiliency

In 2023, King County provided the 2023 Biennial Update to the King County 2020 Strategic Climate Action Plan (SCAP). The update shows, the county continues to move nearly 250 different climate actions forward. At the same time, transformational policies at the state and federal level are speeding up the transition away from fossil fuels while doing more to support climate equity. The 2023 Biennial Report provides an update on all commitments made in the 2020 SCAP and paints a familiar picture: the County is effectively advancing climate action to reduce emissions, leading on climate equity, and preparing for the impacts of climate change.

The three core strategies include Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Sustainable & Resilient Frontline Communities, and Preparing for Climate Action. In February 2023, the County adopted a fourth strategy, King County Green Jobs Strategy.

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The 2024 Action Plan was available for public review between December 1 and December 31, 2023, on the King County Housing and Community Development website. Attachments in IDIS include the affidavits of publication for the Seattle Times newspaper, and other publications used by the Joint Agreement Cities.

Notices of funds availability and Requests for Proposals for the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs will be posted on the King County Procurement and the Housing and Community Development websites, and through email distribution lists. Additionally, partner agencies will post on their websites and share information through CoC, the Seattle-King County Housing Development Consortium, A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH), South King Housing and Homelessness Partners (SKHHP), Affordable Housing Committee (AHC), member jurisdictions, King County Planners' monthly meetings and at additional ongoing meetings.

The consolidated planning process, which includes the 2024 Annual Action Plan, directs jurisdictions to reach out to and consult with other public and private agencies when developing the plan. The Code of Federal Regulations for Citizen Participation (24 CFR Part 91.105, 24 CFR Part 91.105, and 24 CFR Part 91.105) requires the following consultations for local governments:

- Public and private agencies that provide health services and social and fair housing services,
- State or local health and child welfare agencies regarding lead-based paint hazards,
- Adjacent governments regarding priority non-housing community development needs that go beyond a single jurisdiction, such as transportation,
- Local public housing agency concerning public housing needs, planned program, and activities,
- CoC serves the geographic area, and
- Public and private agencies that address housing, health, social services, victim services, employment, and education needs of low-income, people experiencing homelessness, and special needs populations.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Funding recommendations and public comment on proposed CDBG projects for the 2024 program year at the Joint Recommendations Committee meeting on September 28, 2023.	There were no public comments.		
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	The draft 2024 Action Plan was available for public review between December 1-December 31, 2023.	There were no public comments.		
3	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Posting of draft 2023 CAPER was available for public review between March 7-March 28, 2024. A public meeting was held on March 28, 2024.	There were no public comments.		

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4	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	NOFA for 2024 CDBG funds was posted on King County's website.	There were no public comments.		
5	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Pre-application meetings for non-housing capital funding; discussion of priorities; and technical questions.	There were no public comments.		

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The Consortium receives three federal entitlement grants on an annual basis. These federal funds include: 1) CDBG in the annual amount of \$5,646,763; 2) HOME in the annual amount of \$3,464,904; and 3) ESG in the annual amount of \$295,182. These three resources are listed on Table 1 Anticipated Resources.

Prior Year CDBG Resources include: Unspent program income of \$ 586,639 and \$838,629 in recaptured funds and unexpended program delivery funds from 2023 for a total of \$1,425,268. Funds recaptured are from closed 2021 and 2022 projects that didn't expend all available funds including public services, minor home repair, microenterprises, shelter rehabilitation, sidewalks and community center rehabilitation. The recapture amount also includes \$135,000 from a cancelled playground equipment project, \$146,226.17 in NSP Program Income and \$157,463.38 from repayment to the credit line. All unexpended funds are reprogrammed to 2024 projects. The reprogramming of these funds followed the required Citizen Participation Plan processes.

Like the federal formula grants, other resources come with restrictions and regulatory requirements regarding allowed uses. Some, such as Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) and Continuum of Care funds, are secured through competitive applications and are not listed. State and local funding listed below provide leverage annually for federal dollars.

Consolidated Homeless Grant: \$ 5,156,168

Housing and Essential Needs: \$26,129,304

King County Document Recording Fee: \$7,545,139

Mental Illness and Drug Dependency: \$1,326,097

King County Veterans and Human Services Levy: \$8,587,161

Regional Affordable Housing Program: \$1,326,097

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	5,646,763	400,000	1,425,268	7,472,031	0	
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	3,464,904	200,000	0	3,664,904	0	

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			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	295,182	0	0	295,182	0	

Table 2 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

Federal funds leverage private, state and local funds. The primary sources of matching funds for HOME-funded housing is King County's Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy capital funds, Document Recording Fee, and MIDD Behavioral Health tax (MIDD) housing capital funds. The Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy capital funds targeted housing development projects providing permanent supportive housing to homeless veterans and other vulnerable communities. The Document Recording Fee is a dedicated, state-adopted housing resource administered by King County. MIDD funding may support individuals and households with incomes at or below 30 percent of area median income. A sales tax generates the MIDD funding. The primary source of match for ESG projects is Washington State Consolidated Homeless Grant and Document Recording Fee funds.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

King County and local jurisdictions work to identify public lands and buildings which may become available for affordable housing and/or shelter for people who are homeless. For King County held lands, the Facilities Management Division, working with land holding King County departments, assesses if King County held properties are needed to provide essential public services. If the property is not needed for essential services, the Facilities Management Division will issue a Notice of Surplus Property (Notice). The Department of Community and Human Services reviews the Notice and determines if the property would be suitable for affordable housing. In June, the Facilities Management Division issues an annual report regarding all Notices in the past year.

In 2023, King County also worked with Skyway community members in designing a Request for Proposal (RFP) to transfer ownership of Brooks Village, a 14.3-acre parcel of undeveloped land owned by King County for potential development of affordable housing. In early 2024, King County selected Homestead Community Land Trust (CLT) in partnership with Skyway Coalition to directly negotiate with King County to assess the viability of the Brooks Village site for affordable housing. The organizations propose to develop up to 57 permanently affordable homeownership units.

Additionally, King County has identified publicly owned land and buildings which may be made available to be utilized as shelters for people experiencing homelessness. Some examples of this program include: 1.) the West Wing Shelter in the King County Correctional Facility, 2.) the Harborview Hall Shelter, 3.) the 4th and Jefferson Shelter and Day Center, 5.) the Elliott Shelter, and 6.) previously the Eagle Village Interim Housing project. All of these facilities are located on King County owned land, held by various departments/divisions such as Wastewater, Metro, and Facilities Management.

Discussion

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Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Affordable Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	South Sub-Region North/East Sub-Region Unincorporated King County	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$2,598,963 HOME: \$3,053,444	Rental units constructed: 30 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 17 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 140 Household Housing Unit
2	End Homelessness	2020	2024	Homeless	South Sub-Region North/East Sub-Region Unincorporated King County	End Homelessness	CDBG: \$812,221 ESG: \$295,182	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 3000 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 1200 Persons Assisted Other: 1800 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Community and Economic Development	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	South Sub-Region North/East Sub-Region Unincorporated King County	Community and Economic Development	CDBG: \$2,931,494	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1400 Persons Assisted Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 300 Persons Assisted Businesses assisted: 150 Businesses Assisted

Table 3 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing. This will be accomplished through: 1) competitive funding for new affordable rental and homeownership projects; 2) preservation of existing rental units that provide housing for income-eligible households; 3) housing repair for income eligible homeowners; and 4) innovative housing models. The Consortium will engage in other housing activities, collaborations and partnerships to enhance opportunities for equitable development and the creation/preservation of affordable housing. During the course of the Consolidated Plan, funding may be prioritized for targeted areas in South King County as identified through the Communities of Opportunity Initiative or other collaborative processes. Efforts to increase affordable housing should not harm other community assets such as small businesses and cultural assets. If impacts are anticipated, extensive community engagement and mitigation actions should be incorporated. The Consortium will plan for and support fair housing strategies and initiatives designed to further fair housing choice and increase access to housing and housing programs. Progress toward fair housing goals will be reported annually.

2	Goal Name	End Homelessness
	Goal Description	Working together with collective impact, King County launched a Regional Homelessness Authority to develop a cohesive and coordinated homeless system grounded in the principle of Housing First and shared outcomes. Investments in projects will ensure that homeless households from all sub-populations (families, youth/young adults, and adults without children) are treated with dignity and respect; are returned to permanent housing as quickly as possible; receive strength-based services that emphasize recovery, as needed; are supported to graduate from temporary homeless housing as rapidly as possible, and from permanent supportive housing as soon as they are ready; receive only what they need to return to housing quickly and to be as self-reliant as possible through 1) a range of housing options; 2) programs and services that address the emergency housing needs and other needs of households when homelessness occurs; and 4) programs that prevent homelessness and divert households from entering the homeless system. Specific programs include 1) rapid re-housing; 2) emergency shelters and housing; 3) transitional housing; 4) housing stability; and 5) shelter diversion. King County will engage in planning and other activities and initiatives to address homelessness in collaboration with King County Regional Homelessness Authority. In addition, the County and partners will continue to implement best practices in response to COVID-19.
3	Goal Name	Community and Economic Development
	Goal Description	Investments across the Consortium in low-income communities benefit low-income people and ensure equitable opportunities for good health, happiness, safety, and connection to community. Investments in new developments in eligible communities are designed to promote a healthy lifestyle, reflect the range of income levels in the region, and have accessible connectivity with amenities, services and opportunities. This includes support for incubator, local and small businesses, especially if owned by vulnerable populations.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

The Consolidated Plan establishes the annual goals and strategies that guide the investment of approximately \$9 million per year in federal housing and community development funds, and additional federal, state and local funds, to address housing, homelessness, and community development needs throughout the Consortium. The projects included were selected for program year 2024 CDBG, HOME and ESG funding by the JRC.

King County anticipates the following HOME-ARP funded projects to close out in 2024:

King County intends to authorize its subrecipients to incur pre-award costs January 1, 2024, and reimburse for those costs using its CDBG, HOME and ESG funds. This is in compliance with requirements reflected in the regulations, (1) all administrative (CDBG, HOME, ESG), microenterprise, and public service activities and ESG shelter and rapid rehousing are included in the activity section of the 2024 Action Plan, (2) this action shall not affect future grants, (3) the costs and activities funded are in compliance with the requirements with the Environmental Review Procedures, (4) the activity for which payment is being made complies with the statutory and regulatory provisions in effect at the time the costs are paid for, and (5) reimbursement of payment will be made during the 2024 program year.

#	Project Name
1	KING COUNTY PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION
2	KING COUNTY HOUSING REPAIR PROGRAM
3	KING COUNTY SUB-RECIPIENT HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
4	SHORELINE MINOR HOME REPAIR
5	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CRITICAL HOME REPAIR
6	DIVERSION RAP
7	HOUSING STABILITY PROGRAM SOLID GROUND
8	CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS MEN'S YEAR-ROUND SHELTER REDMOND
9	CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS MEN'S YEAR-ROUND SHELTER KIRKLAND
10	YWCA SOUTH KING CO FAMILY SHELTER (FROZEN ALLOCATION)
11	HOSPITALITY HOUSE WOMEN'S SHELTER (FROZEN ALLOCATION)
12	HELEN'S PLACE (THE SOPHIA WAY WINTER SHELTER) (FROZEN ALLOCATION)
13	LIFEWIRE - MY SISTER'S PLACE (FROZEN ALLOCATION)
14	MSC FAMILY SHELTER (FROZEN ALLOCATION)
15	BURIEN NEW FUTURES FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM
16	KING COUNTY CONSORTIUM-WIDE PUBLIC FACILITY OR INFRASTRUCTURE
17	CITY OF DUVALL CONSTRUCTION PHASE II SIDEWALKS

#	Project Name
18	HEALTHPOINT WHITE CENTER HUB CLINIC
19	SKBA SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS
20	RENTON SENIOR CENTER HVAC AND ROOF REPLACEMENT
21	NEW ROOTS FUND
22	HIGHLINE COLLEGE STARTZONE MICROENTERPRISE
23	BURIEN PARKS PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
24	ESG 2024 KING COUNTY
25	SeaTac Minor Home Repair

Table 4 – Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

The Consortium annually addresses needs and priorities guided by the Consolidated Plan. Consortium members authorize activities across six project areas: 1) Major Housing Repair Program, 2) Public Services, 3) Housing Development, 4) Facilities, 5) Infrastructure, and 6) Economic Development. Each project area is grounded in the following goals:

Goal One: Affordable Housing - Ensure access to healthy, affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households throughout the region and advance fair housing to end discrimination and overcome historic patterns of segregation.

Goal Two: Homelessness - Make homelessness rare, brief and one-time and eliminate racial disparities.

Goal Three: Community and Economic Development - Establish and maintain healthy, integrated and vibrant communities by improving the well-being and mobility of low- and moderate-income residents, and focusing on communities with historic disparities in health, income and quality of life.

The HCDD of DCHS collected input on Consolidated Plan strategies to ensure that updates to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan reflected resident needs and concerns, mitigated downstream risk, and avoided unintended consequences from proposed actions. In addition, staff gathered data on changing demographics, specifically information on housing needs for people with disabilities, large families, families transitioning out of homelessness, and older adults. These planning efforts also aimed to identify potential links between affordable housing, transportation, environmental health, access to opportunity and other determinants of equity.

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Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	KING COUNTY PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION
	Target Area	South Sub-Region North/East Sub-Region Unincorporated King County
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing End Homelessness Community and Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing End Homelessness Community and Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,129,353 HOME: \$346,490
	Description	Federal funds will be used for the administration and coordination of housing, services for people who are homeless, and community development activities in the Consortium.
	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Federal funds will be used for the administration and coordination of housing, services for people who are homeless, and community development activities in the Consortium.
2	Project Name	KING COUNTY HOUSING REPAIR PROGRAM
	Target Area	South Sub-Region North/East Sub-Region Unincorporated King County
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,595,015 HOME: \$264,970

	Description	Provide capital funds to repair and/or improve (including accessibility improvements) the existing stock of homes owned by low- and moderate-income households (also includes individual condominiums, townhomes, and mobile/manufactured homes that are part of the permanent housing stock). Programs funded under this strategy include major home repair and renters (80% of area median income and below) are eligible for Home Access Modification (HAM) improvements if they have a disability and reside in an affordable rental unit defined as a unit with rents at or below market as determined by HUD or the multi-tiered payment standard as defined by KCHA Section 8 program.
	Target Date	12/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	48 low- and moderate- income households
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Major Housing Repair includes interest-free deferred payment loans for health and safety repairs.
3	Project Name	KING COUNTY SUB-RECIPIENT HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
	Target Area	South Sub-Region North/East Sub-Region Unincorporated King County
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$599,448 HOME: \$3,053,443
	Description	Preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing available to low- and moderate-income households, including households with special needs. Funding includes \$599,448 in set aside funding for an ARCH housing project. This includes rental housing and homeowner housing added.
	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	47 households

	Location Description	King County.
	Planned Activities	Capital HOME funds are made available through an annual competitive process for the acquisition and new construction of sustainably designed, permanently affordable rental housing for low- and moderate-income households for the acquisition and construction of housing and the rehabilitation of that housing into safe, decent, healthy and permanently affordable rental housing.
4	Project Name	SHORELINE MINOR HOME REPAIR
	Target Area	North/East Sub-Region
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$110,000
	Description	The project will serve low-income older adult homeowners in Shoreline to help clients maintain their independence.
	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	40 low- and moderate- income households
	Location Description	City of Shoreline
	Planned Activities	Provide capital funds to repair and/or improve (including accessibility improvements) the existing stock of homes owned by low- and moderate-income households (also includes individual condominiums, townhomes, and mobile/manufactured homes that are part of the permanent housing stock).
5	Project Name	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CRITICAL HOME REPAIR
	Target Area	Unincorporated King County
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$177,500
	Description	Funds will be used to complete critical home repairs for income eligible homeowners.
	Target Date	12/31/2024

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 low- and moderate- income households
	Location Description	Unincorporated South King County
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to complete critical home repairs for income eligible homeowners.
6	Project Name	DIVERSION RAP
	Target Area	South Sub-Region North/East Sub-Region Unincorporated King County
	Goals Supported	End Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	End Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$212,366
	Description	Funds will be used to provide homeless households with children services and support designed to help households attain housing without otherwise entering the homeless system.
	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1000 low- and moderate- income persons
	Location Description	County-wide
	Planned Activities	Assist households in quickly finding and securing temporary or permanent solutions to homelessness outside of the homeless services system. Diversion services assist households to identify immediate, alternative housing arrangements, and if necessary, connect them with services and financial assistance to help them obtain or return to housing.
7	Project Name	HOUSING STABILITY PROGRAM SOLID GROUND
	Target Area	South Sub-Region North/East Sub-Region Unincorporated King County
	Goals Supported	End Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	End Homelessness

	Funding	CDBG: \$329,792
	Description	Funds will be used to assist low-income persons at risk of homelessness to stabilize their housing.
	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2000 low- and moderate- income persons
	Location Description	County-wide
	Planned Activities	Activities include one-on-one meetings between a case manager and an HSP client to explain the program, complete the HSP application, obtain qualifying documentation, verify eligibility, and determine the level of housing stability financial assistance and housing stability services to be provided. The case manager will work with the client household to develop realistic and client-centered budgets and action plans, provide resource referrals and information, and negotiate with property owners and attorneys.
8	Project Name	CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS MEN'S YEAR-ROUND SHELTER REDMOND
	Target Area	North/East Sub-Region
	Goals Supported	End Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	End Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$44,339
	Description	Funds will be used to provide shelter and day center services to men experiencing homelessness in Bellevue through a sub-contract with Congregations for the Homeless.
	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	400 low- and moderate- income persons
	Location Description	City of Redmond homeless residents
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for personnel costs in serving the Eastside Men's Homeless Shelter.

9	Project Name	CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS MEN'S YEAR-ROUND SHELTER KIRKLAND
	Target Area	North/East Sub-Region
	Goals Supported	End Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	End Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$45,724
	Description	Funds will be used to provide shelter and day center services to men experiencing homelessness in Bellevue through a sub-contract with Congregations for the Homeless.
	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,200 low- and moderate- income persons
	Location Description	City of Kirkland homeless residents
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for personnel costs in serving the Eastside Men's Homeless Shelter.
10	Project Name	YWCA SOUTH KING CO FAMILY SHELTER (FROZEN ALLOCATION)
	Target Area	South Sub-Region Unincorporated King County
	Goals Supported	End Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	End Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$17,940
	Description	Provide programs and services to address the temporary housing and other needs of households when homelessness occurs. Core features of service model are Progressive Engagement, Trauma-Informed Advocacy, and Culturally Specific Coaching/Services all of which work to support participants quickly stabilizing and exiting to permanent housing.
	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	40 low- and moderate- income persons
	Location Description	South King County

	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support operations of an emergency shelter. South King County Emergency Services (SKCES) is an emergency shelter with six apartment style units in the cities of Renton (4) and Auburn (2). Housing advocates work flexible schedules to accommodate meeting with participants on weekends and evenings and can be contacted 24/7 for emergencies.
11	Project Name	HOSPITALITY HOUSE WOMEN'S SHELTER (FROZEN ALLOCATION)
	Target Area	South Sub-Region North/East Sub-Region Unincorporated King County
	Goals Supported	End Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	End Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000
	Description	Funds will support operations for a year-round emergency shelter for women.
	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 low- and moderate- income persons
	Location Description	County-wide
12	Planned Activities	Services offer direct onsite access to life skills training, nurse provided health care, weekly case management, counseling and other professional resources that will stabilize them and support them as they move into permanent housing.
	Project Name	HELEN'S PLACE (THE SOPHIA WAY WINTER SHELTER) (FROZEN ALLOCATION)
	Target Area	South Sub-Region North/East Sub-Region Unincorporated King County
	Goals Supported	End Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	End Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
12	Description	Funds will be used to provide support services for a shelter for the most vulnerable in the North/East community.

	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	150 low- and moderate- income persons
	Location Description	County-wide
	Planned Activities	The emergency shelter provides a safe place for up to 50 women to sleep, dinner and breakfast and referrals to appropriate resources.
13	Project Name	LIFEWIRE - MY SISTER'S PLACE (FROZEN ALLOCATION)
	Target Area	South Sub-Region North/East Sub-Region Unincorporated King County
	Goals Supported	End Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	End Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,060
	Description	Funds will be used to support the Lifewire shelter.
	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	40 low- and moderate- income persons
	Location Description	County-wide
	Planned Activities	Provide services to victims of domestic violence including safe shelter and stable housing.
14	Project Name	MSC FAMILY SHELTER (FROZEN ALLOCATION)
	Target Area	South Sub-Region Unincorporated King County
	Goals Supported	End Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	End Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$75,000
	Description	Funds will be used through a subcontract with MultiService Center to provide families with at least one minor child with onsite services at a shelter location.

	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 low- and moderate- income persons
	Location Description	County-wide
	Planned Activities	Activities include housing in a single-family unit, case management at the Kent or Federal Way offices. Healthcare for the Homeless Network provides a nurse, chemical dependency counselor and mental health counselor onsite.
15	Project Name	BURIEN NEW FUTURES FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM
	Target Area	South Sub-Region
	Goals Supported	Community and Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Community and Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$41,728
	Description	Funds will be used to provide family support and advocacy services to approximately 300 low-moderate income Burien residents at the Alturas Apartments.
	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	300 low- and moderate- income persons
	Location Description	City of Burien
16	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide family support and advocacy services to approximately 300 low-moderate income Burien residents at the Alturas Apartments.
	Project Name	KING COUNTY CONSORTIUM-WIDE PUBLIC FACILITY OR INFRASTRUCTURE
	Target Area	South Sub-Region North/East Sub-Region Unincorporated King County
	Goals Supported	Community and Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Community and Economic Development

	Funding	CDBG: \$787,716
	Description	CDBG capital funds available for project cost overruns for high priority public improvement needs such as public infrastructure, park facilities, removal of architectural barriers and accessibility improvements in a range of low- to moderate-income areas of the consortium. Funds include City of Shoreline, North/East Subregion and South Subregion Capital Contingency.
	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,400 low- and moderate-income residents in the North/East and South Subregions of King County.
	Location Description	County-wide
	Planned Activities	
17	Project Name	CITY OF DUVALL CONSTRUCTION PHASE II SIDEWALKS
	Target Area	North/East Sub-Region
	Goals Supported	Community and Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Community and Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$210,000
	Description	Project will provide construction funds for Phase II of the sidewalks which will finish the pedestrian accessibility gap between 282nd Ave NE and 275th Ave NE. The road is a narrow two-lane asphalt paved right-of-way without a safe route for pedestrians and those with disabilities.
	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	389 low- and moderate- income persons
	Location Description	City of Duvall
	Planned Activities	The project will add approx. 800 linear feet of 5- wide concrete sidewalk with ADA ramps completing the missing pedestrian walkway on NE 142nd Pl. In addition, this project will install curbs, gutters, storm sewer system with water quality catch basins or a bioretention swale, planter strips, and new pavement asphalt in the sidewalk.
18	Project Name	HEALTHPOINT WHITE CENTER HUB CLINIC

	Target Area	South Sub-Region Unincorporated King County
	Goals Supported	Community and Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Community and Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$266,353
	Description	CDBG funds will be used for the design, planning and permitting of tenant improvements for a healthcare clinic at the White Center HUB.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5,028 low-moderate income persons
	Location Description	White Center
	Planned Activities	Activities include architectural and engineering costs, mechanical and electrical engineering, inspections and related consultant services, and building permits and other fees.
19	Project Name	SKBA SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS
	Target Area	South Sub-Region
	Goals Supported	Community and Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Community and Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$790,000
	Description	CDBG funds will be used to construct King County required sidewalks located at the site of SKBA's community center.
	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,300 low- and moderate- income persons
	Location Description	824 S. 100th Street, Seattle, WA 98168
	Planned Activities	CDBG funds will be used to construct King County required sidewalks located at the site of SKBA's community center.
20	Project Name	RENTON SENIOR CENTER HVAC AND ROOF REPLACEMENT

	Target Area	South Sub-Region
	Goals Supported	Community and Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Community and Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$403,804
	Description	Funds will be used to replace the roof at the Senior Center in the City of Renton. CDBG-CV funds will be used to replace the HVAC.
	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	8,500
	Location Description	211 Burnett Ave N, Renton, WA 98057
	Planned Activities	Replace the roof with CDBG funds and replace the HVAC system with \$448,208 in CDBG-CV funds.
21	Project Name	NEW ROOTS FUND
	Target Area	South Sub-Region Unincorporated King County
	Goals Supported	Community and Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Community and Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$157,325
	Description	New Roots will offer training to address the challenges faced by immigrants, refugees, and a diverse range of citizens who aspire to start their own businesses but lack fundamental knowledge in key areas such as bookkeeping, licensing, insurance, e-commerce, marketing, finance, and other essential business matters. In 2024, the focus will include a targeted recruitment effort to engage 30 entrepreneurs who are native Spanish speakers. These individuals will greatly benefit from a business class presented in their native language, providing them with accessible and inclusive training opportunities.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	105 low- and moderate- income persons

	Location Description	515 B St NE, Auburn, WA 98002
	Planned Activities	The program will provide classes and services to potential business owners or existing low- and moderate- income business owners. The project will support operational costs, translation services, training services for certain aspects of the New Roots training curriculum, marketing and outreach, and participant support for New Roots.
22	Project Name	HIGHLINE COLLEGE STARTZONE MICROENTERPRISE
	Target Area	South Sub-Region Unincorporated King County
	Goals Supported	Community and Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Community and Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$116,000
	Description	Highline Startzone will offer Microenterprise business classroom training and individual consultation to low- and moderate- income residents in South King County.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 low- and moderate- income persons
	Location Description	2400 S 240th St, Des Moines, WA 98198
23	Planned Activities	The program will provide feasibility assessments, workshops, training, business planning, loan packaging, networking, pro bono support from attorneys, accountants, and other business professionals, and secondary research through the SBDC Research Team.
	Project Name	BURIEN PARKS PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
	Target Area	South Sub-Region
	Goals Supported	Community and Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Community and Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$158,568
	Description	Capital funds made available for the City of Burien to acquire playground equipment for a community park.
	Target Date	12/31/2024

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2,695 low- and moderate- income persons
	Location Description	422 SW 160th St, Burien, WA 98166
	Planned Activities	Capital funds made available for the City of Burien to acquire playground equipment for a community park.
24	Project Name	ESG 2024 KING COUNTY
	Target Area	South Sub-Region North/East Sub-Region Unincorporated King County
	Goals Supported	End Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	End Homelessness
	Funding	ESG: \$295,182
	Description	Ensure that all initiatives and programs related to permanent supportive housing for the formerly homeless and other forms of permanent housing targeted to homeless households are consistent with the Plan to End Homelessness in King County. Provide programs and services to address the temporary housing needs and other needs of households when homelessness occurs. Allocate funds for emergency shelter and transitional housing programs for operations and maintenance, supportive services and rental assistance. \$22,139 will be used for ESG admin. The remaining \$273,043 will be used for project activities.
	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	550 low-moderate income persons will be served.
	Location Description	County-wide
	Planned Activities	Shelter activities and rapid re-housing.
25	Project Name	SeaTac Minor Home Repair
	Target Area	South Sub-Region
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing

	Funding	CDBG: \$117,000
	Description	Funds will be used to repair the existing stock of homes owned by low- to moderate-income households in the South King County communities of Covington, Des Moines, SeaTac, and Tukwila.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	48 Low - Moderate income households
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Activities may include, but are not limited to: earthquake preparedness, replacing broken switches, sockets, light fixtures, repairing heat sources, repairing gutters and downspouts, replacing or repairing faucets, toilets, sinks, drains, broken or leaky pipes and repairing minor roof leaks.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Allocation guidelines are determined through use of low- to moderate-income population data, and equitable development objectives, such as investing in historically unserved communities, anti-displacement strategies, addressing impacts of gentrification, and geographic distribution over time. Investments are distributed throughout the County, using guidelines adopted by the Consortium, including considerations for focusing on communities with historic disparities in health, income and quality of life. The percentage of low- and moderate-income populations in the two subregions, North/East (32%) and South (68%), set the resource allocation formula with the partner Consortium cities. The HOME Cities and Joint Agreement Cities determine funding allocations for their CDBG funds.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
South Sub-Region	
North/East Sub-Region	
Unincorporated King County	

Table 5 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Investments are distributed throughout the County, and guidelines adopted by the Consortium balance investments geographically over time.

King County allocates CDBG, ESG and HOME funds throughout the region.

King County also considers other plans and initiatives in making allocation decisions, such as climate change, transit-oriented development, equity and social justice, Best Starts for Kids Implementation Plan, Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy Implementation Plan, Crisis Care Centers Levy, and the Health Through Housing Initiative.

In 2023, King County released the draft 2024 Comprehensive Plan, which has key goals of establishing vibrant, thriving, healthy, and sustainable communities. The draft 2024 Comprehensive Plan aligns with the Washington State Growth Management Act, VISION 2050's Multicounty Planning Policies, and the King County Countywide Planning Policies regarding establishing and implementing clear goals for affordable housing. In its role as a regional funder, the King County Comprehensive Plan includes broad funding priorities for affordable housing. The draft 2024 Comprehensive Plan promotes affordable housing for all county residents through support for adequate funding, zoning, and regional cooperation to create new and diverse housing choices in communities throughout the county. As part of this work,

King County developed draft zoning ordinances for urban unincorporated King County to expand missing middle housing zoning and reduce barriers to emergency shelter and permanent supportive housing, such as reducing parking requirements for these housing types. King County will adopt the 2024 Comprehensive Plan, including these zoning changes, by the end of 2024.

Allocations for CDBG and ESG funds are based upon the percentage of low- and moderate-income populations in the two sub-regions, North/East and South.

CDBG – CDBG Funds are allocated as follows:

Regional Human Services County-wide 15% of entitlement funds, with 32% of funds allocated for North/East, and 68% allocated for the South.

Housing Repair Program County-wide 25% of entitlement funds.

Capital and Economic Development Funds North/East Subregions 32% of remaining funds for facilities, infrastructure and economic development. Capital and Economic Development Funds South Subregion 68% of remaining funds for facilities, infrastructure and economic development.

The North/East Sub-region consists of the following 21 cities and towns:

Duvall, Medina, Skykomish, Mercer Island, Snoqualmie, Beaux Arts Village, Newcastle, Kirkland, Issaquah, North Bend, Bothell (King County portion), Kenmore, Redmond, Yarrow Point, Carnation, Hunts Point, Clyde Hill, Lake Forest Park, Sammamish, Woodinville, Shoreline, Unincorporated King County.

The South Sub-region includes the following 12 cities, towns and census designated places:

Algona, Renton, Black Diamond, Enumclaw, SeaTac, Maple Valley, Tukwila, Burien, Normandy Park, Covington, Pacific, Des Moines, Unincorporated King County.

HOME

The HCD Housing Finance Program awards HOME funds through a competitive process. Funds are awarded county-wide to benefit North, South, and East County regions across the

Discussion

A map of the Consortium regions is included with this Action Plan, along with maps of the low- and moderate-income block groups for King County.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing - 91.420, 91.220(g)

Introduction

King County exceeded the annual goals established in 2023. A total of 38 HOME units were completed in 2023 (Plymouth Housing Group's Eastgate Permanent Supportive Housing project). The Downtown Emergency Service Center's Burien Permanent Supportive Housing project (PSH) and the Renton Housing Authority's Sunset Gardens project are expected to be completed and close out in 2024, which together will provide 30 HOME assisted units. In addition, Homestead Southard and Habitat La Fortuna 3 will close out with an additional 17 units.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	26
Non-Homeless	21
Special-Needs	0
Total	47

Table 6 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	47
Rehab of Existing Units	0
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	47

Table 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The Consortium works closely with other public funders, including the Washington State Housing Finance Commission, Washington State Housing Trust Fund, A Regional Coalition for Housing, South King County Housing and Homelessness Partners, local jurisdictions, private lenders, and housing authorities to create a range of affordable housing, with special emphasis on deeply affordable rental units.

AP-60 Public Housing - 91.420, 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Consolidated Plan addresses two housing authorities, the King County Housing Authority (KCHA) and the Renton Housing Authority (RHA). The KCHA is one of 39 housing authorities nationwide originally selected to participate in the Moving to Work demonstration program. Both the KCHA and RHA participate in planning and coordination efforts with public funders, the Affordable Housing Committee, King County Regional Homelessness Authority, and jurisdiction partners. RHA redeveloped their public housing utilizing Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC).

As a regional housing authority, KCHA's properties and service area includes 17 school districts and 27 cities in addition to unincorporated King County. KCHA serves over 15,000 children through its subsidized housing programs each year and education partnerships remain an important focus area. Although some of these districts rank among the strongest in the country, many face the challenge of educating large numbers of children from high-poverty communities and children from families experiencing homelessness. KCHA continues to partner with the Highline and Tukwila School Districts to provide short-term rental subsidies to school-aged children experiencing homelessness and their families, and with Highline Community College to provide time-limited rental subsidies to college students who are facing housing instability and homelessness.

In addition to making investments in historically underserved communities, KCHA's programs also ensure broad geographic choice for recipients of low-income housing assistance. KCHA has piloted multiple housing mobility programs and implemented multi-tiered payment standards for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, which provide higher subsidies in more costly rental markets. The agency has also acquired a number of properties in high opportunity neighborhoods and along emerging high-capacity transit corridors. KCHA's acquisitions have helped the agency grow its inventory of affordable homes to 12,587 units countywide.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

KCHA continues to focus on maintaining the physical quality of its subsidized housing. In 2024, KCHA will invest nearly \$16.5 million to upgrade its federally assisted housing stock. These investments improve housing quality, reduce maintenance costs and energy consumption, and extend the life expectancy of its housing stock. KCHA will also continue the redevelopment work for the extensive rehabilitation of Kirkland Heights, a recently acquired Project-based Rental Assistance property in Kirkland. KCHA will also continue to implement programming that ensures residents of public housing are safe and connected to critical services and resources, including health care providers.

The RHA and the City of Renton have a vision for the Sunset Area Community Revitalization and Sunset Terrace Redevelopment. This starts with the redevelopment of 100 units of distressed public housing units and replacement with higher density and quality, sustainable housing that will be a catalyst for

new private housing and business investment in the 269-acre Sunset Area neighborhood. The plan seeks to leverage public investment to catalyze private property development and create opportunities for market-rate and affordable housing, plus retail investment. In 2024 Sunset Gardens, one of RHA's developments within that neighborhood is expected to have their certificate of occupancy. The following Sunset Area Community Revitalization improvements will benefit the entire community:

- "Complete Streets" upgrades
- Improvements to storm water drainage systems
- New and rehabilitated parks and recreational facilities
- New public library
- New childhood early learning center
- Better connection to support services for public housing residents
- Sustainable infrastructure
- Bike and walking paths
- Mixed income and higher density housing.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

KCHA has several programs that aim to encourage self-sufficiency among recipients of subsidized housing assistance, including operation of a Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS), on-site workforce development training, and rent policies that allow residents to earn additional money before seeing an immediate change in their rent. In addition, the Authority operates five manufactured housing communities and both of its HOPE VI projects in White Center have included development of new market-rate homeownership units. In 2024, KCHA will be working with nonprofit, lending, and governmental partners to create stronger connections between participants of subsidized housing programs and affordable homeownership opportunities. In addition, KCHA is exploring a wide-ranging MTW Activity to leverage our single-fund and MTW flexibilities to create avenues for existing residents of our affordable housing programs to purchase homes. KCHA is considering ways to increase tenant engagement by restructuring our Resident Advisory Committee, which serves as a forum for resident feedback and gives a voice to resident communities. Lastly, in 2024, KCHA plans to work with residents, staff, and workforce development service providers to design an employment sponsorship program that will provide opportunities for participants in KCHA's housing programs to engage in job training programs or introductory positions that support a transition to permanent career opportunities.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

The KCHA is not designated as troubled, however the RHA is a troubled PHA. King County is monitoring the progress the RHA is making on their SEMAP Corrective Action Plan, FY 2022. As of April 2024, the RHA plans to complete all of the required actions by June 30, 2024 and regain its High Performing status

by the end of 2024.

King County's Housing Finance Program indicates that Sunset Gardens, a new affordable housing project, will complete lease up by June 30, 2024.

The City of Renton met with the RHA and offered any support or help the RHA may need. The City also indicated they will be meeting with the RHA quarterly.

Discussion

Both the KCHA and the RHA participate in planning and coordination efforts with public funders, the Housing Development Consortium of Seattle-King County and jurisdiction partners. The KCHA is completing the market-rate homeownership component of a successful Hope VI redevelopment initiative in White Center.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities - 91.420, 91.220(i)

Introduction

Information for the homeless needs assessment in the Consolidated Plan came from three sources: 1) Point-in-Time Count, typically conducted in January; 2) HMIS system; and 3) the Continuum of Care Strategic Plan. This system includes emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent housing with supports. The Consortium works to ensure that all projects serving people experiencing homelessness, including projects funded with ESG, are consistent with the vision, principles and recommendations of the Strategic Plan. King County adheres to the HMIS operating standards and all reporting and program evaluation is through HMIS.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

Outreach to homeless persons is an important component of efforts to end homelessness in King County. Numerous long-standing programs focus on individuals with behavioral health conditions (PATH, DESC HOST, PACT, Valley Cities Veteran Services, CCS Scope) and chronic substance use disorder (ETS REACH and Recovery Cafe). A mobile medical outreach team operates in south King County, and Healthcare for the Homeless Network nurse/mental health outreach teams operate in six cities. Outreach workers coordinated at a system level provide outreach to homeless/LGBTQ/at-risk youth. They are responsible for identifying unsheltered homeless neighbors through direct street outreach activities. Outreach workers administer assessment tools, facilitate placement into emergency short-term shelter and permanent housing programs, and connect to social services. Vehicle-focused outreach is active in both east and south King County focusing on individuals sleeping overnight in a vehicle. It is the largest category of unsheltered people accounting for more than 40% of the unsheltered population. Kids Plus works with families on the streets, in tent cities, or car camps countywide. Veteran outreach is undertaken by King County Veterans programs, as well as federal Supportive Services for Veteran Families program. The community is also working to implement and leverage a federal Medicaid waiver, Foundational Community Supports, for outreach and connection to services. Many of these teams take advantage of existing meal programs to make non-threatening contact with individuals or families.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The Consortium utilizes ESG resources for emergency shelter and rapid rehousing. In 2024, two emergency shelter programs and one rapid re-housing program will be funded with ESG.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The KCHRA has taken over the management of the Coordinated Entry System for homeless populations. As a part of the overall continuous improvement to the crisis response system, Coordinated Entry (CE) is a key element to improve the delivery of help for persons experiencing homelessness. This is especially important for chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth to make the transition to permanent housing and independent living. This, along with rigorous review of any other barriers for people experiencing homelessness to secure housing, such as screening criteria, is part of a comprehensive approach to assist the hardest to house people living on the streets and in shelters.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

The Consortium, as a part of homeless prevention efforts, continues to work on developing and securing housing for people being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care. The Consortium has developed a significant number of housing units for youth and young adults with a focus on young adults who recently exited the foster care system.

KCHA developed a partnership program with the Tukwila school district. The program is called the Student Family Stability Initiative and is a partnership between the school systems, KCHA and Neighborhood House (who provides housing navigation). In 2020, KCHA launched a program that assists community college students who are facing housing instability and homelessness while they pursue postsecondary education. KCHA allocates time-limited rental subsidies to the program, which aims to reduce student homelessness and improve college graduation rates for low-income students.

The Youth and Family Homeless Prevention Initiative (YFHPI) is designed to offer families at risk of eviction the support they need to maintain their homes with case management and flexible financial assistance or rent only. As a continuation of COVID relief-funded rental assistance, Keep King County

Housed provides eviction prevention rent assistance.

Discussion

Formerly homeless households receiving rapid rehousing and nearing program exit are extremely low-income and moderately to severely cost burdened. In many cases, these households struggle with behavioral health needs that impact their housing and stability. The regional homeless system focuses more on RRH, housing first, and housing-focused strategies, and will continue to emphasize mainstream services for other stability needs.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing -91.420, 91.220(j)

Introduction

The Draft King County Housing Needs Assessment (Appendix B in the draft King County Comprehensive Plan) identified the following barriers to affordable housing. These fall into four broad categories.

Zoning Barriers:

- zoning that supports single family housing and limits multi-family housing limits the types of housing developments; and
- development codes that cause barriers to developing permanent supportive and emergency housing creates logistical and financial challenges to increasing the supply of both types of housing.

Funding Shortfalls:

- affordable housing in the 0-50 percent AMI range requires government subsidies;
- homeownership serving buyers with incomes between the 50-80 percent AMI range requires additional development and, potentially, down payment assistance support; and
- permanent supportive housing requires both substantial public investments in the development phase and ongoing support for both services and operations.

Community-driven Development:

- a shortage of flexible funds or dedicated funds for advancing community-driven development for communities at risk of displacement, exacerbates that risk; and
- community based organizations are at a disadvantage in securing sites for development.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

Strategies to remove barriers to affordable housing include the following activities: 1) increase housing choice through reducing screening criteria and other barriers to people securing and maintaining housing and by investing in rental assistance and eviction prevention, 2) increase funding for affordable housing, 3) increase funding for supportive services in housing for people who have experienced

homelessness, 4) streamline permitting, 5) reduce development code barriers to the development of permanent supportive housing, emergency housing, middle housing and accessory dwelling units, 6) invest in communities at risk of both residential and commercial displacement, and 7) research a land banking program to assist in community-driven development for permanently affordable homeownership program.

Discussion

The King County Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC), Affordable Housing Committee (AHC), member jurisdictions, and the Consortium conduct regular efforts to identify and address barriers to people accessing affordable housing. Among these efforts was the 2021 update to the King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPP), which guides King County jurisdictions' development of their Comprehensive Plan Housing Elements.

In 2024, the AHC will implement an accountability framework for equitably planning for housing needs through local comprehensive plan updates. This includes reviewing draft comprehensive plans to ensure all jurisdictions in King County identify barriers or other limitations to the development of needed housing types at different affordability levels, documenting programs and actions needed to achieve housing availability (e.g. increases in local funding, updates to development regulations); and laying out steps to address barriers and implement needed programs and actions over the next ten to twenty years.

During 2024, King County and the Skyway-West Hill and North Highline communities will continue to work together to implement the recommendations of the Skyway-West Hill and North Highline Anti-displacement Strategies Report. This work intends to prevent and mitigate the impact of displacement and the risk of displacement in these two communities.

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

During the 2024 program year, the final year of the Consolidated Plan period of 2020-2024, the Consortium will take actions planned to address the following needs and priorities.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The Consortium prioritizes serving people and households who are the most vulnerable and lowest income, including persons who are experiencing homelessness and have special needs. During the course of the program year, the Consortium will work closely with the local Continuum of Care (CoC) and funding partners to maximize housing and services delivery.

King County is making a significant effort to work with communities in unincorporated areas in a collaborative manner, and in 2024, will continue those efforts. Targeted investments will empower affected community members to co-create priorities and support the requests of community-based organizations.

The Health through Housing Initiative accelerates King County's response to chronic homelessness by acquiring and preserving existing single-room properties such as hotels to provide emergency and permanent supportive housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness. By year-end 2023, HTH permanently secured a total of 1,273 supportive housing units. In 2023 alone, King County opened approximately 76 units, funded the operation of an additional 65 units, and continued operation of units which it opened in 2021 and 2022. In addition to property acquisitions, much of 2023's focus was expanding health-supportive services at HTH locations and cultivating new partnerships and agreements with cities and direct service organizations. Health Through Housing will open two more permanent supportive housing projects in 2024.

In 2023, the King County voters approved the Crisis Care Centers Levy. This initiative will create a countywide network of five crisis care centers, support the stabilization of residential treatment, and invest in the developing work force supporting mental health treatment. The five Crisis Care Centers will be distributed across the county so first responders, crisis response teams, families and individuals have a place nearby to turn to in a crisis. One center will serve youth younger than age 19. The remaining four Crisis Care Centers will be established in the four subregions of King County: Central King County, North King County, East King County and South King County.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The Consortium works to leverage potential funding sources to increase the supply of affordable housing, and work as a region to foster and maintain existing affordable housing stock. One of the primary tools used to finance affordable housing is the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program.

In addition to tax credits, many of the larger affordable housing projects leverage private debt to maximize public resources. King County has additional local and state funding sources for housing.

In 2023, King County adopted amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) that established specific countywide and jurisdictional affordable housing needs by income level and for emergency housing that all jurisdictions would be responsible for planning for and accommodating in their comprehensive plan updates in 2024. The CPPs provide a framework within which all jurisdictions are called upon to plan for a range of affordable housing choices within neighborhoods that promote health, well-being, diversity, and access to opportunities for employment, recreation, social interaction and cohesion, active transportation (walking, biking, and public transit) and education. The CPPs also established an accountability framework for meeting these needs, which includes a housing-focused review of draft comprehensive plans, annual monitoring and reporting, and a check-in and adjustment period to address significant shortfalls in planning for and accommodating need five years after plan adoption.

In 2023, King County released the draft 2024 Comprehensive Plan, which has key goals of establishing vibrant, thriving, healthy, and sustainable communities. The draft 2024 Comprehensive Plan aligns with the Washington State Growth Management Act, VISION 2050's Multicounty Planning Policies, and the King County Countywide Planning Policies regarding establishing and implementing clear goals for affordable housing. To align with these laws, the draft 2024 Comprehensive Plan promotes affordable housing for all county residents through support for adequate funding, zoning, and regional cooperation to create new and diverse housing choices in communities throughout the county. As part of this work, King County developed draft zoning ordinances for urban unincorporated King County to expand missing middle housing zoning and reduce barriers to emergency shelter and permanent supportive housing, such as reducing parking requirements for these housing types. King County will adopt the 2024 Comprehensive Plan, including these zoning changes, by the end of 2024.

King County will continue to affirmatively further fair housing. Key programs or initiatives King County will continue or undertake include promoting the right to live with family, researching a relocation assistance ordinance, adopting updated fair housing goals, investing in community-based organizations, and implementing the early action recommendations from the Skyway-West Hill and North Highline Anti-displacement Strategies Report.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The King County HCDD continues to implement a Lead-Based Paint Program. HCDD follows the Title X framework established by the U.S. Congress in 1992. This legislation resulted in the final lead-based paint rule, 24 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 35 and 40 CFR part 745, which guides our program through this important process. As of April 22, 2010, HUD and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) collaborated on a new Lead-Based Paint Rule called Renovate, Repair and Paint Rule (RRP). This is

an EPA/HUD certified training process (402 of TSCA, 40 CFR Part 745, Subpart L) that is required for all contractors and construction workers working on homes built before 1978. This rule went into effect April 22, 2010. To assist contractors doing business with the County and participating in projects through the King County Housing Repair Program (HRP), this certified EPA training, conducted by King County, is offered as an additional service to the construction community participating in Housing Repair projects. HUD has not changed the lead-based paint requirements but has adopted the new RRP training and certificate process. Buildings constructed before 1978 and scheduled for rehabilitation are assessed for lead-based paint risks and potential hazards. A lead-based paint risk assessment is frequently obtained to assess potential lead-based paint risks in the housing projects undertaken. The Washington State Department of Commerce, through their Lead Based Paint program, regulates and coordinates all lead-based paint activities in the state of Washington. King County HRP is a State certified RRP trainer and listed as a certified firm under #9033 and a State Lead Based Paint Risk Assessor.

If the construction process will disturb painted surfaces that contain lead, the contractors will implement safe work practices throughout the construction activity. Licensed and bonded contractors working on projects containing lead paint are trained and certified under the RRP training model, as well as HUD's safe-work practices and interim control procedures. These procedures are designed to reduce exposure risks when dealing with lead-based paint. At the conclusion of a construction process, the contractor will obtain a final clearance report when disturbing lead paint. This indicates the completion of the project and certification that it is clean, safe, and decent housing, and free of lead dust at time of inspection and final clearance. These techniques reduce the potential long-term exposure to lead hazards in homes of King County residents served by our programs.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

King County staff across departments are working with a large variety of partners on several initiatives to move toward reduction in the number of poverty-level families of, including:

- **Best Starts for Kids Levy** – Best Starts for Kids Levy focuses on eight investment areas that prioritize promoting positive outcomes for kids, preventing negative outcomes, intervening early when kids and families need support, and building on community strengths. King County voters approved the renewal of the Best Starts for Kids Levy and the King County Council approved the 2022-2027 Implementation Plan in November 2021.
- **Communities of Opportunity** – King County collaborates with the Seattle Foundation for the Communities of Opportunity initiative with the ambitious goal of creating greater health, social, economic, and racial equity in King County so that all people have the opportunity to thrive and prosper.
- **Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy** – King County Adult Services Division (ASD) administers the Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy. Through collaborative partnerships with local agencies and community organizations, ASD provides services focused on housing stability, financial stability, healthy living, social engagement and service system access and

improvement.

- King County Jobs and Housing Program – In 2021, King County allocated \$40 million for a program that connects people at risk of homelessness with rapid rehousing and other housing services, temporary employment, and professional skills development with King County or partner agencies. This program will continue in 2024.

These specific initiatives are tied together through a broad, results-based framework to create profound changes that will move the region to a system that is primarily preventative rather than crisis-oriented. Policy and system change needs will be identified through this work at many levels of government, and cross-sectoral approaches used to address these needs.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Two primary activities in 2024 will develop additional institutional structure. The King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) is the region's Continuum of Care and seeks to conduct unified planning and coordination of funding and services for people experiencing homelessness countywide. In 2024, the King County Regional Homelessness Authority Governing Committee will continue to hire staff and build out their programs, reaching out to community members, and reviewing services in each subregion of King County. The KCRHA also released the *King County Regional Homelessness Authority Five-Year Plan (2023-2028)* detailing actions for improving the lives of residents living homeless, and strategies to help reduce the number of people living homeless.

The King County Countywide Planning Policies in the Housing Chapter support a range of affordable, accessible, and healthy housing choices for current and future residents across King County. Further, they respond to the legacy of discriminatory housing and land use policies and practices (e.g., redlining, racially restrictive covenants, exclusionary zoning, etc.) that have led to significant racial and economic disparities in access to housing and neighborhoods of choice. These disparities affect equitable access to well-funded schools, healthy environments, open space, and employment.

As discussed in detail earlier, King County released the draft 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan, which has key goals of establishing vibrant, thriving, healthy, and sustainable communities.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The Consortium takes a regional approach, engaging in ongoing coordination between jurisdictions, housing providers, health providers and service agencies. The 38 members of the Consortium conduct and participate in ongoing meetings with each other and regularly engage with multiple stakeholders. These include: Affordable Housing Committee, Washington State Housing Finance Commission; Washington State Department of Commerce; ARCH; SKHHP; public housing authorities (King County Housing Authority, Renton Housing Authority, and Seattle Housing Authority); King County Regional

Homelessness Authority; nonprofit housing and service providers; members of the Housing Development Consortium of Seattle-King County; Public Health-Seattle & King County; Human Services Planners for North, East and South King County; and the DCHS Behavioral Health and Recovery Division.

The Affordable Housing Committee will establish standardized benchmarks, housing data trends, and comparative standards to aid in assessing local progress relative to countywide trends and other jurisdictions. Measurement will include at a minimum, the meaningful actions taken by a jurisdiction to implement their comprehensive plan housing element, housing unit production within jurisdictions, as well as credit jurisdictions for direct funding and other contributions to support the preservation or creation of income-restricted units through subregional collaborations.

This coordination is ongoing throughout the program year and, together with official stakeholder and public meetings, informs recommendations for the JRC.

Discussion

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	400,000
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	400,000

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%

**HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)**

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

King County will only use forms of investment that are described in 92.205(b).

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

The House Key – ARCH Program may originate loans if there is homebuyer activity during the year with existing prior year program income, which is received when homebuyer loans (made with HOME funds) are repaid.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

Please see the guidelines for resale and recapture and a chart to graphically represent the provisions attached in IDIS.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

The County does not use HOME funds to refinance existing debt described under 92.206(b).

5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

N/A

6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

N/A

7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR

92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).

N/A

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

Written standards for providing ESG assistance are attached in IDIS.

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

King County will support the work of the KCRHA which took over the management of the coordinated entry system for homeless populations in 2022. National research identifies coordinated entry as a key component for an effective homeless system because it improves the quality of client screening and assessment, matches clients to appropriately targeted services and resources, and promotes a more efficient use of resources. Coordinated entry processes prioritize assistance based on vulnerability and severity of service needs to ensure that people who need assistance the most can receive it in a timely manner. This is done using a Housing Triage Tool and tiebreaking process, which uses criteria (e.g., length of time homeless) to identify the most vulnerable households and utilizes a case conferencing model to connect prioritized households to housing based on the anticipated number of available housing resources over the next 60 days.

Chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, unaccompanied youth, and young adults were all part of the coordinated system in 2023 and will continue in 2024. In addition, CE utilizes regionally based resource centers, known as regional access points, which serve as the primary front door for the homeless housing system. Team members for CE are KCRHA employees and continue to work closely with HCDD team members.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

King County ESG grants for emergency shelter and rapid rehousing are awarded to sub-recipient agencies through a competitive process that may be conducted for a multi-year period of annual ESG awards. Nonprofit agencies and faith-based organizations participate. The projects selected through this process must demonstrate a direct benefit to the geographic area of the Consortium, consortium cities and unincorporated King County residents. In addition, King County's CoC

representative body, is consulted and has approved the use of King County ESG funds for emergency shelter and rapid rehousing.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

The jurisdiction meets the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 579.405(a) with the Continuum's Advisory Council (AC) and the Lived Experience Coalition (LEC). The LEC is a multigenerational community of people who have endured or are currently experiencing homelessness. The LEC is supported by the Continuum to ensure robust participation of persons with lived experience in the CoC governance structure, and input from a broader group of individuals.

The AC acts in a broad advisory capacity to the Governing Committee and Implementation Board of KCRHA and also functions as the Continuum of Care Board for specific legally required duties. The two main functions are:

1. Apprise the Governing Committee and Implementation Board on policy and technical issues on which it has made decisions, and forward for approval any committee recommendations that it identifies as sensitive or political in nature, or for which it does not have decision-making authority.
2. Serve as the CoC Board for actions required under the HUD regulations at 24 CFR §578, including approval of committee recommendations that do not have appropriation/political components.

AC membership is comprised of an array of community leaders who reflect the diversity of people experiencing homelessness and regional differences. This includes at least four members who are currently experiencing or formerly experienced homelessness.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

Performance Standards and Evaluation of Outcomes - All projects adhere to the HMIS operating standards and all reporting and program evaluation is completed through HMIS. Within HMIS, data for target populations, youth and young adults, singles, and families, is collected for the following three categories: 1) exit to permanent housing; 2) average program stay; and 3) return to homelessness. This information is collected for emergency shelters, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, prevention, and rental assistance programs. Actual performance is measured against the target goals.

