
King County 2006 Efforts to Combat Homelessness

Summary of King County efforts with combined Federal, State and County funds: Homelessness Prevention - \$0.5 M

Over 200 low- to moderate-income households who were at risk of becoming homeless receive emergency rental assistance, thereby helping maintain their housing.

Intake, Engagement and Assessment - \$3.9 M

Funds for programs that provide access to intensive outreach, assessment and case management for homeless persons with chronic mental illness, chemical dependency issues, developmental disabilities, behavioral health issues and who are charged with misdemeanor crimes. Many of the programs coordinate the services with other agency providers in the community.

Emergency Shelter - \$1.7 M

King County funds over 15 community based programs providing safe shelter throughout King County. In addition to providing safe shelter, many programs assist individuals and families to move to more stable housing. Over 176,000 bednights of shelter are provided for homeless veterans, domestic violence victims, single adults, and homeless women and their children.

Transitional Housing - \$7.9 M

Funds for rental and operating assistance for transitional housing for both individuals and families with children, including survivors of domestic violence. Funds are also used for transitional housing and support services such as substance abuse treatment and vocational training for homeless veterans. A new program in 2006, Jumpstart is intended to partner with cities to gain site control of approximately five problem properties (such as closed or run-down motels) in order to “jumpstart” the process of redeveloping these properties into well-managed, permanent, housing that is affordable to low-income individuals and families.

Permanent Supportive Housing - \$4.9 M

Over 600 homeless disabled households receive rental assistance and support services.

Support Services - \$5.8 M

Case management, advocacy, information and referral, primary care, respite, mental health and substance abuse services are provided to homeless people. In 2005 the Committee to End Homelessness’ Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness was approved and implementation begun.

Capital Projects - \$7.6 M

Funds are provided to non-profit housing developers for the construction and/or rehabilitation of transitional and permanent low income housing. In December 2004 projects received awards to create or preserve a total of 538 units.

2006 Executive Initiative - \$4.1 M

Passage Point is a collaborative effort of the county, King County Housing Authority and the YWCA to redevelop the former Cedar Hills Addiction Treatment Facility in Maple Valley to serve women who will be exiting the criminal justice system. Families will reside at Passage Point for up to 24 months, and will be provided with intensive case management, mental health and chemical dependency counseling, support groups, employment services and on-the-job training, child care, domestic violence advocacy, legal assistance, wellness center and community activities.

New Revenue for Homelessness - \$3.8 M

Revenue from a new state document recording fee is earmarked for efforts to end homelessness. The Committee to End Homelessness will begin programming these funds in 2006.

\$40.2 M to Combat Homelessness
