

Regional Policy Committee

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KCRHA
King County Regional Homelessness Authority

2021 - Our First Year

Standing up a new government agency

- Expanded from 1 employee to 32, and still growing.
- Our grants and contracts management system is up and running.
- First budget cycle - 66% funding from Seattle, 34% from King County. \$162.4 million for homeless service provision in 2022.
- Sub-Regional Planning - we have staff working with the County, every city in King County, and nearly 200 organizations to map out services, gaps, and partnership opportunities that fit in each of the 7 unique sub-regions.



What's next?

- Better data: King County DCHS report showed 45,000+ people experiencing homelessness in King County in 2019
 - More than 3x last Point in Time (PIT) count
- Qualitative Research + Unsheltered Count
- By Name List
- System redesign and re-bid for 2023



Severe Weather Response - 12/22/21-1/3/22

Seattle

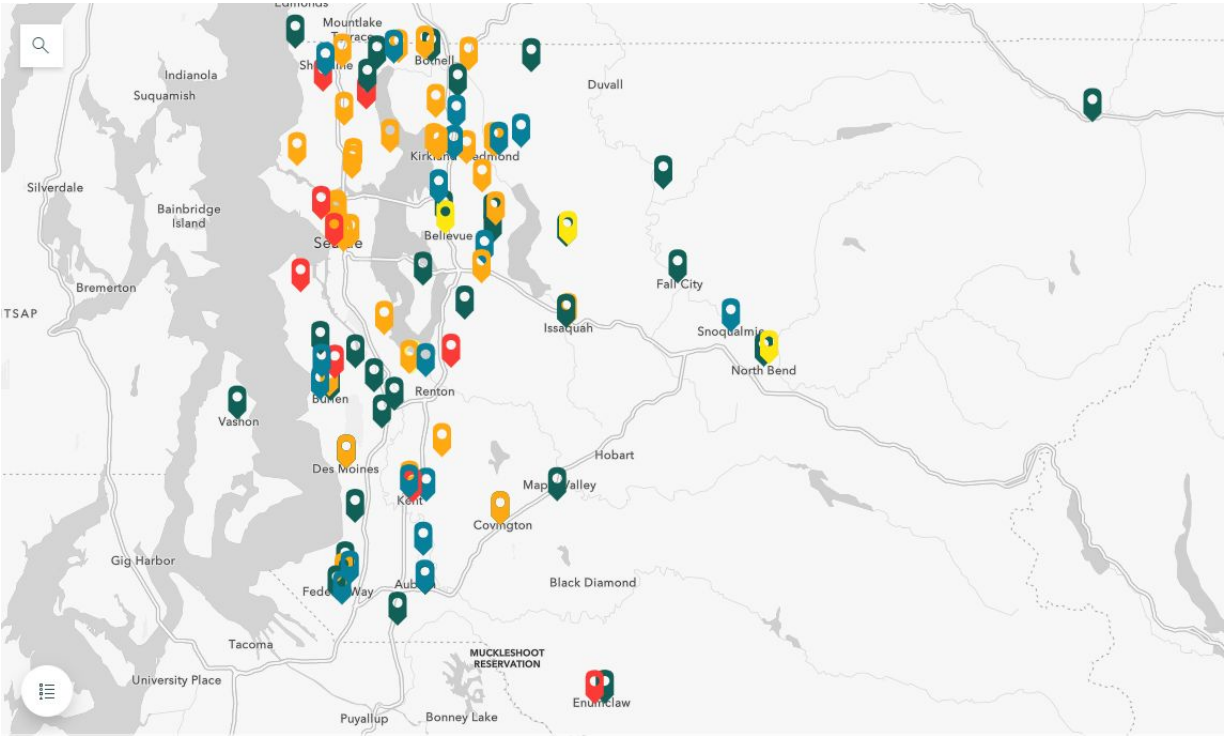
- Emergency response managed by Office of Emergency Management
- Homelessness response co-managed by HSD and RHA

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- Homelessness response managed by RHA in collaboration with Cities and providers
- Daily coordination calls for North, South, and East County



Landscape



Red = Severe Weather
Dark Blue = Expanded Capacity
Dark Green = KC Library
Orange = Warming Centers



By the Numbers

12 Days of Emergency Response, Dec 23 - Jan 3

Seattle: 6 overnight shelters, capacity 374, usage range between 65%-77%

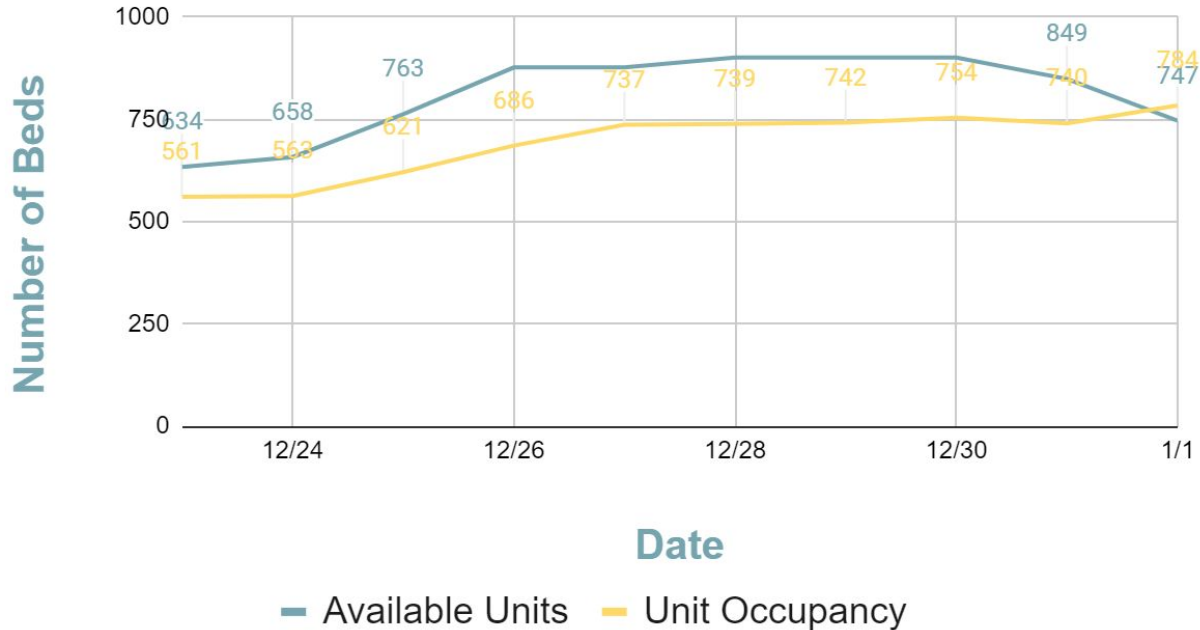
Regional: 27 sites, 19 operators, capacity 260, usage approx. 80%

- South King - 12 overnight shelters
- East King - 7 overnight shelters, 2 safe parking programs using hotels, 2 cities offering hotel vouchers
- North King - 3 overnight shelters, 1 city offering hotel vouchers
- Snoqualmie Valley - 1 overnight shelter



Timeline - Regional

Severe Weather Shelter Bed Availability Timeline



Challenges

- Transportation
- Staffing
- Food and Meal Access
- COVID mitigation



Next Steps

- Debrief with each sub-region
- Identify strategies to address major challenges like staffing and transportation
- Develop emergency management protocols and emergency funds for future severe weather events



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