



2023 Highlights

- Opened Seattle’s first RV Safe Lot since 2016
- Opened two new Tiny House Villages plus successfully relocated two existing THVs

2024 RSJ Goal

- Connect unsheltered individuals to shelter with the Unified Care Team (2,204 shelter referrals in 2023)

Success Measurement

- Utilization of homeless programs held steady or improved in nearly all categories
- Enhanced Shelter: 79% (2021); 81% (2022); 94% (2023)



Learn more about local efforts to reduce homelessness.

Addressing Homelessness

Goal: All people living in Seattle are housed.

In January 2022, HSD staff transferred the majority of City-funded homelessness investments to the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) for their funding and oversight for emergency shelter, tiny house villages, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing. Per the HSD/KCRHA Master Services Agreement, HSD and KCRHA collaborate on outreach to people living unsheltered.

HSD contributes to City’s Unified Care Team

HSD regional coordinators participate in the City’s Unified Care Team, an interdepartmental team led by the Mayor’s Office that pulls together City departments and community partners to support Seattle’s housed and unhoused residents and ensure its public spaces remain open and accessible to all.

New transitional site for people living in RVs

Salmon Bay Village, a new transitional hub for people living in recreational vehicles (RVs), opened in December in Seattle’s Interbay neighborhood, with space for 26 RVs and nine tiny homes. In addition to funding the program from the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA), HSD assisted the provider—the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI)—in identifying suitable land parcels for this program and working through permitting challenges associated with the development of the site. The goal of the program is for at least 40% of enrolled households to exit to permanent housing within the first year of operations.





Chief Seattle Club opens Raven Village

HSD negotiated the use of vacant Seattle City Light-owned property in the Ballard area to site 22 heated, insulated and air-conditioned tiny houses that will provide privacy, dignity, and safety for 25–28 people. Raven Village opened on August 11. Thirty-nine people were served at the village between its opening and the end of the year. The City conducted extensive hazardous substance mitigation on the property to enable safe development by Chief Seattle Club (village operator) and the Low Income Housing Institute (development partner). HSD funds Chief Seattle Club’s operations and services of the village through KCRHA. Raven Village serves predominantly American Indian and Alaskan Native individuals, couples, and people with pets who are experiencing homelessness. American Indian and Alaskan Native people represent 1% of King County residents but 9% of those experiencing homelessness in the county.

Junction Point Pallet Village opened in June

HSD negotiated the use of vacant City-owned property in the Bitter/Haller Lake area to site a 49-unit, non-congregate pallet shelter village for adults, which opened in June. Funded by HSD through KCRHA, Catholic Community Services oversees operations and services at the village. From June through year-end, 101 individuals were served. More than 40% exited to stable housing a source of stable income. Black, Indigenous, and other people of color—disproportionately impacted by homelessness—are served at higher rates at Junction Point than their percentage of the general population.

Providing shelter during severe weather

The City of Seattle supports the King County Regional Homelessness Authority’s (KCRHA) severe weather response for people experiencing homelessness in Seattle. Response is tiered by criteria that includes daily high temperatures predicted at or below 35 degrees, daily low temperatures predicted at or below 30 degrees, or snow and rain accumulation greater than four inches. HSD facilitates activations, initiating the temporary conversion and usage of City facilities (e.g., Seattle Center and City Hall) for short-term and low-barrier shelter for those seeking respite from hazardous outside conditions.

HSD coordinated the stand up of Tier 3 overnight shelter on eight separate occasions in the first two quarters of 2023. This represented a total of 52 days and more than 500 beds of severe weather shelter.

Addressing homelessness — By the numbers



5,693
offers of shelter were extended



2,204
shelter offers were accepted



970
shelter enrollments were confirmed