

VETERANS AND HUMAN SERVICES LEVY

12 years of success and impact in the community

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS & OUTCOMES

35,000

People served every year by the Veterans and Human Services Levy since 2012



Since 2006, the Veterans and Human Services Levy (VHSL) has helped fund the creation of **2,056 units of affordable housing**. **660** of those were created during the current levy period, with more to open before the VHSL expires

15,000

Counseling hours provided to veterans and their family members since 2012 for post-traumatic stress disorder, military sexual trauma or other conditions



In 2016, **128 veterans** who received training and job placement through the levy-funded King County Veterans Program saw an average **increase in household income of \$27,963**

\$7 million

Saved since 2012 by stabilizing an average of **780 clients** each year, reducing their emergency medical and criminal justice involvement and avoiding costly crisis services



Every year, the VHSL has helped an average of **800 people** experiencing or at risk of homelessness gain or maintain housing

3,000

Veterans and others in need were identified and connected to housing, health care and employment resources by levy-funded outreach programs



Mobile Medical Van, Public Health-Seattle & King County's well-known and successful program began as a VHSL program. Every year, it brings health and behavioral health services to more than **875** homeless or at-risk residents who would otherwise not have received health care or waited until they needed emergency services

**12,500
moms**

Screened for maternal depression at integrated behavioral health/community health centers, with treatment services provided to more than **523** mothers annually who screened positive for depression to promote successful parenting and improved mother and child health

The current Veterans and Human Services Levy expires on December 31, 2017.

2018-2023 VETERANS, SENIORS AND HUMAN SERVICES LEVY

If approved by the voters, the new property tax levy will:

Expand King County's commitment to **veterans and their families**



- Build on the current levy's successful veterans employment programs that capitalize on the skills veterans bring from their service
- Increase access to legal services and housing supports
- Create shelters and coordination centers with supportive services for veterans



Expand King County's commitment to the most **vulnerable individuals and families**, providing connections to services that restore health and build self-sufficiency

- Increase system-connected housing that promotes recovery and reentry by preventing people from discharging from treatment settings or releasing from incarceration into homelessness
- Increase access to legal and housing resources for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault
- Provide new mobile medical vans to increase access to essential services for isolated, homebound or homeless persons across King County
- Support individuals with disabilities and their caregivers in building community participation and inclusion

Support the largest growing segment of King County's population, **older adults**



- Prevent seniors from aging into poverty by creating and expanding housing programs and providing tax relief to low-income seniors
- Support meals on wheels and other food programs for low-income seniors
- Help fund senior activities and programs to promote physical, social and emotional health

COST

10¢
per \$1,000
of assessed
home value

\$45

Cost per year for the average homeowner in King County
(*Estimate based on average King County home value of \$450,000*)



Expand property tax exemptions for eligible low-income seniors, seniors with a disability and totally disabled veterans.

**\$350
million**

Amount raised over six years to help veterans, active duty service members and their families, seniors, homeless households, and other individuals and families in need

ACCOUNTABILITY

Performance Measurement and Evaluation

The Veterans and Human Services Levy produces annual and mid-year financial and performance reports to account for all levy expenditures and measure how each levy activity performs against its goals. See www.kingcounty.gov/VHSL-Reports.



Citizen Oversight



Citizen input and oversight will continue with the new levy. In addition to the boards focused on veterans and regional human services, a new Healthy Aging Advisory Board will be appointed to provide oversight for the older adults element of the new levy. Current board meetings and materials are online at www.kingcounty.gov/VHSL.