Fact Sheet: Health Through Housing - Kirkland



King County has selected the La Quinta Inn & Suites to serve as the next Health Through Housing location, conditioned on a physical and environmental evaluation of the building. The sale of the La Quinta is not yet final. This building would house residents experiencing, and at risk of, chronic homelessness. As with all Health Through Housing sites, the County worked closely with Kirkland and Bellevue City officials in the initial stages of this potential acquisition.

About the hotel

The hotel in Kirkland at 10530 Northup Way is near I-405 and adjacent to a number of public transportation options that run throughout the city. It was constructed in 1979 and contains **121 units**. It sits on approximately 1.83 acres.



How it will serve the community

As part of the Health Through Housing program, this building will serve as emergency supportive housing and permanent supportive housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness. All Health Through Housing properties will include 24/7 staffing and on-site supports to help vulnerable people regain health and stability. Responding to the region's crisis of unsheltered homelessness, this building allows people experiencing or at risk of chronic homelessness to stabilize in a safe, single-room setting with a bathroom and bed.

Services Available:

- 24/7 onsite staffing and controlled access
- Case management services

- Access to physical and behavioral health services
- Housing counseling

Good Neighbor Commitment

Property operators and service providers are committed to being responsive to local jurisdiction and community concerns. All buildings will have 24/7 staffing. Health Through Housing sites have a code of conduct that is agreed upon by all residents at the time of entry.

About Health Through Housing

The Health Through Housing initiative is a regional approach to addressing chronic homelessness on a countywide scale. By the end of 2022, King County will partner with local jurisdictions to create up to 1,600 emergency and permanent supportive housing units for people experiencing, and at risk of, chronic homelessness.

By acquiring existing facilities, such as former hotels, nursing homes, and other similar properties, Health Through Housing quickly creates housing that is dignified, protective, and service enriched. King County is committed to working with local cities and communities to identify suitable properties and will participate in planning and community engagement together.

To date, King County purchased nine buildings/hotels in the Health Through Housing Initiative:

- Auburn: Former Clarion Inn 102 units
- Federal Way: Former Extended Stay America 101 units
- Pioneer Square: Canton Lofts 80 units
- Redmond: Former Silver Cloud Inn 144 units
- Renton: Former Extended Stay 110 units
- Seattle: Former Inn at Queen Anne 71 units
- Seattle: 4th and Jefferson 12 units
- North Seattle: Mary Pilgrim Inn 99 units
- North Seattle: Former Extended Stay America 131 units

Definitions

Chronic Homelessness

A household that includes an adult with a disability, that either is currently experiencing homelessness for at least 12 consecutive months or has experienced homelessness for a cumulative 12 months within the previous three years.

Emergency Supportive Housing

Housing where a person experiencing, or at risk of, chronic homelessness can reside while seeking permanent housing. While intended to be temporary, there is no time limit on stays. Emergency supportive housing will offer housing-oriented services, case management, and other necessary services and supports to assist individuals in stabilizing health and wellbeing.

Permanent Supportive Housing

Permanent housing for an individual or a household that is homeless on entry, where a member of the household has a condition of disability, such as chronic health issues, mental illness, substance use, or other condition that creates multiple and serious ongoing barriers to housing stability.

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