

# Fact Sheet: Health Through Housing – Holiday Inn Express & Suites North Seattle



King County

In July 2021, King County purchased its third Health Through Housing hotel, the Holiday Inn Express & Suites North Seattle for a total of \$17.5 million. The county's purchase of the Holiday Inn will permanently house chronically homeless residents. As with all purchases pursued through the Health through Housing Initiative, King County worked closely with City officials in advance of the purchase.

## About the hotel

The hotel in North Seattle at 14115 Aurora Avenue North is conveniently located near transportation options and other services. It was constructed in 2001 and contains **99 units**. It sits on approximately 1.91 acres. The site has one building and parking areas.



## How it will serve the community

As part of the HTH program, this building will serve initially as emergency housing and will later be converted to permanent supportive housing (PSH) for people experiencing chronic homelessness. All Health Through Housing properties will include 24/7 staffing and onsite supports to help very vulnerable people regain health and stability. Responding to the region's crisis of unsheltered homelessness, this building will allow persons experiencing or at risk of chronic homelessness to stabilize in a safe, single-room setting with a bathroom and bed.

### Community Engagement:

The City of Seattle will take the leadership role in community engagement and the County is proud to partner in those efforts.

### Services Available:

- 24/7 onsite staffing and controlled access
- Case management services
- Access to physical and behavioral health services
- Housing counseling

### **Resident Code of Conduct**

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

## **About Health Through Housing**

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The Health Through Housing (HTH) 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 housing and permanent supportive housing units for people experiencing chronic homelessness. By acquiring existing facilities, such as former hotels, nursing homes, and other similar properties, HTH 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.

## **Definitions**

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### **Chronic Homelessness**

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

### **Emergency Housing**

Housing where a person experiencing chronic homelessness 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 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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