

2022 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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Budget Action Title: Request a report from the King County Regional Housing Authority analyzing the theory and process to integrate the homelessness services system and how peer navigators have been incorporated into homelessness outreach

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Teresa Mosqueda

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Jeff Simms

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	Yes	0									
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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) provide a system-wide needs assessment discussing the theory and process underlying the proposed system integration that KCRHA will work to create in the forthcoming requests for proposals (RFPs) and parallel policy work and identify ways to incorporate or increase the use of peer navigators in contracts for homelessness outreach and other services.

KCRHA plans to issue redesigned requests for proposals (RFPs) for all homelessness services contracts in the spring of 2022. The changes made to service delivery in these RFPs would be incorporated into all contracts for homelessness services across the county beginning in 2023.

The assessment would identify service areas that have a substantial provider presence and strong service delivery, areas that lack sufficient capacity or where there is substantial vulnerability or risk for system failure, gaps in the service system, and how KCRHA will seek to advance a human-centered, anti-racist approach that allows individuals to thrive. The assessment would include the following:

- Perspectives and guidance from people with lived experience of homelessness, incarceration, sex work, mental health conditions, substance use, and other relevant experiences;
- Examination of provider challenges related to recruitment, retention, and ability to provide a living wage; and
- Interactions with other service systems such as the criminal legal system, civil commitment system, and behavioral health services.

In addition, the SLI would demonstrate the Council's expectation that RHA would seek input from the Lived Experience Coalition, KCRHA Advisory Committee, area service providers, KCRHA Implementation Board, and community partners to understand how people with lived experiences of homelessness, incarceration, sex work, substance use, and other relevant experiences are currently involved in paid and informal service delivery, particularly in roles of case management, outreach, and navigation, and how to increase or revise those roles through the RFP process, with a focus on providing one-to-one support that extends throughout an individual's journey from homelessness to housing.

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KCRHA would incorporate into the report described above analysis on how people with lived experiences and peer navigators have been incorporated, both in paid and informal service delivery, into existing practices for homelessness outreach and how those roles are increased or changed as a result of new provisions in the RFP.

The information requested in this SLI would be provided to the Select Committee on Homelessness Strategies and Investments, or its successor, with a copy provided to the Central Staff Director and City Clerk, in advance of the posting and application period of the RFP.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Select Committee on Homelessness Strategies and Investments

Date Due to Council: