

Phase 1: Mayor Murray's Homelessness Strategy

**PRESENTATION TO HOUSING AFFORDABILITY, HUMAN
SERVICES AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE**

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Mayor's Three-Part Strategy

1. Emergency Task Force on Unsheltered Homelessness

- Short-term solutions requiring non-budgetary policy changes, or minimal budget-impact strategies; recommendations delivered to the Mayor on December 15th, 2014.

2. Assessment of Investments in Existing Homeless/Human Services

- Analysis of current HSD investments and community landscape, to identify gaps, local/national best & promising practices and provide recommendations on potential new investment strategies; Assessment and Implementation Plan due March 2015.

3. Housing Affordability and Livability Advisory Committee

- Recommendations focused on long-term housing financing and integrated planning strategies to increase affordable housing opportunities, including homeless housing; due May 2015.



Task Force Call to Action

- 1. Recommend City approach and policy towards legal encampments, including but not limited to, consideration of where they are allowed, the City's role in facilitating new siting, and neighborhood notification process.**
- 2. Recommend “out of the box” or “on the shelf but innovative” ideas for increasing shelter capacity that will have minimal budgetary impact. This may include, but is not limited to, exploring use of City assets and facilities.**
- 3. Identify larger scale and/or longer-term ideas to meet needs that might be considered by members or the City in future or related efforts.**



Mayor's Commitments to Task Force

- Shelter expansion
- Proposed encampment ordinance for use of City-owned and private lands
- Funding for case management services
- Streamline permitting process with DPD
- Toolkit for churches and other non-profits to add capacity to our system



Green Sheet: 60-1-A-1

- “Add \$200,000 in 2015 to Address Unsheltered Homelessness” based on Mayor’s Task Force recommendations.
- Funding allocated to expand shelter capacity and provide case management services for encampments:
- \$70,000 toward King County Admin Building – 50 additional beds
 - Total cost of beds: \$120,000 (\$50,000 from carry-forward funds from 2014 Shelter Fluctuation Funds.)
 - Beds online as of January 15th
- \$60,000 toward new PSKS Youth Shelter – 15 beds
 - Beds online as of January 23rd
- \$70,000 for Case Management services provided to encampment residents



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- “Add \$175,000 to incentivize Regional Partners to develop homeless shelter”
- Leverage \$150,000 of ongoing operational support by United Way of King County to City’s one-time investment.
- In alignment with Committee to End Homelessness Single Adult Advisory Group recommendations to add shelter capacity in communities outside of Seattle.
- HSD and UWKC will conduct a joint planning process
 - UWKC and HSD staff participated in two regional meetings with cities and agencies to develop regional RFP
 - HSD would be a member of the RFP review and recommendation committee
 - UWKC would manage all contracts with the awardees



Regional Shelter Funding Process

- **Early March: Release RFP – Approximately 3-4 weeks**
- **Late March/Early April: RFP Due**
- **Early April: Review team meets to discuss scores and make recommendations**
- **By End of April: UWKC Impact Council makes decision on recommendations for funding**
- **May 2016: Contracts signed**

