



KCRHA
King County Regional Homelessness Authority

25 May 2022

To the KCRHA Governing Committee,

As the Chairs of the KCRHA Implementation Board, and with the unanimous approval of the Implementation Board, we recommend that the Governing Committee approve the proposed budget submission being presented to you on May 27, 2022.

This proposed budget is an initial submission subject to the regular City of Seattle and King County budget processes, including Council deliberations, and will not be finalized until the end of the year. Under the Interlocal Agreement, approval by the Governing Committee now will allow the City and County to begin that regular budget process.

We encourage Governing Committee members to view this budget submission as a blueprint of what it will take to close the most glaring gaps within the existing homelessness crisis response system, addressing immediate concerns that we hear from people experiencing homelessness and from the broader community. This includes focusing on workforce stabilization to ensure continued operations of the current system, as well as the creation of safe lots for vehicles and hundreds of new beds with appropriate supports.

It is our hope that the Governing Committee will support this initial submission, work with KCRHA to make any necessary adjustments to funding and priorities through the City and County budget processes, and limit the use of earmarks and provisos in recognition of the role of KCRHA as an independent agency with significant expertise. In addition, we hope the Governing Committee will continue to advocate for additional state and federal resources to support the efforts to end the entwined crises of affordable housing and homelessness in King County.

Sincerely,

Harold Odom & Simha Reddy
KCRHA Implementation Board Co-Chairs