



KCRHA

King County Regional Homelessness Authority

Severe Weather Response: Sheltering our Unhoused Neighbors

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2024-2025 Winter Weather Season

Mission & Theory of Change

Administering effective, performance-based homeless services to support a high-functioning homelessness crisis response system to significantly decrease unsheltered homelessness across King County using equity and social justice principles

If we create a homeless response system that centers the voices of people with lived experience, then we will be able to meet needs and eliminate inequities, in order to end homelessness for all.



Role of KCRHA in Severe Weather

To provide an emergency system of services, including opening safe, short-term emergency day and nighttime shelters, and coordinating outreach to unsheltered people.



Key Partnerships

- City of Seattle
- King County Executive's Office
- King County DSHS
- Public Health-Seattle & King County
- National Weather Service-Seattle Office
- King County Office of Emergency Management
- Harborview Hospital
- University of Washington



Winter Weather Response Tiers

Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily high temps 45 or below for 3 days Real Feel (wind, rain) conditions predict dangerous situations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily high temperatures predicted at 40 degrees or below for 3 days OR daily low temperatures predicted at 35 degrees or below for 3 days OR 24-hr snow/ rain accumulation greater than 2 inches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily high temperatures predicted at 35 degrees or below for a single day OR daily low temperatures predicted at 30 degrees or below for a single day OR 24-hr snow/rain accumulation greater than 4 inches
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> No Activation; Increased Outreach and Communications. 2025: No supplies distribution, funds loaded into budgets 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Increased Outreach and Communications Opening of Temporary Emergency Shelters 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Increased Outreach and Communications Opening of Temporary Emergency Shelters Expanded transportation, storage, warming centers, hotel stays



Improving our Response in 2024/25

❑ Five-Year Plan Severe Weather Activities:

- ❑ Expand number of Severe Weather Shelter Beds: Added LIHI, New KC Funding, SKC RFP
- ❑ Coordinate & Centralize the Severe Weather Response Countywide: In progress
 - ❑ Updated & unified SW Policy and Ops Manual into SW SOP
 - ❑ Daily sub-regional huddles and email during activation. Contact Tony Machacha to be added
 - ❑ New SevereWeather@KCRHA.org email address for all things weather
 - ❑ During activation, SW page updated daily
- ❑ Expand Outreach During Severe Weather Events: Discussions with providers



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Five-Year Plan Severe Weather Activities:

- Incorporate Severe Weather Funding into Existing Contracts: In progress for Seattle. Providers able to source supplies independently.
- RFQ system in 2025=Shorter RFPs as funds are available
- Improve Guests Connections to Services During & After Activation: In progress

Shore up funding and reimbursement processes: Done/In progress-Contracting & Finance

Severe Weather Planning IS a weekly internal event all year





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