

# VETERANS AND HUMAN SERVICES LEVY

*Building on 12 years of success and impact in the community*

## KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS & OUTCOMES

### 35,000

People served every year by the Veterans and Human Services Levy since 2012



Since 2006, the Veterans and Human Services Levy (VHSL) has helped fund the creation of **2,056 units of affordable housing**. **660** of those were created during the current levy period, with more to open before the VHSL expires

### 15,000

Counseling hours provided to veterans and their family members since 2012 for post-traumatic stress disorder, military sexual trauma or other conditions



In 2016, **128 veterans** who received training and job placement through the levy-funded King County Veterans Program saw an average **increase in household income of \$27,963**

### \$7 million

Saved since 2012 by stabilizing an average of **780 clients** each year, reducing their emergency medical and criminal justice involvement and avoiding costly crisis services



Every year, the VHSL has helped an average of **800 people** experiencing or at risk of homelessness gain or maintain housing

### 3,000

Veterans and others in need were identified and connected to housing, health care and employment resources by levy-funded outreach programs



**Mobile Medical Van**, Public Health-Seattle & King County's well-known and successful program began as a VHSL program. Every year, it brings health and behavioral health services to more than **875** homeless or at-risk residents who would otherwise not have received health care or waited until they needed emergency services

### 12,500 moms

Screened for maternal depression at integrated behavioral health/community health centers, with treatment services provided to more than **523** mothers annually who screened positive for depression to promote successful parenting and improved mother and child health



**The Veterans and Human Services Levy expires on December 31, 2017  
UNLESS it is renewed by the voters of King County.**

# 2018-2023 VETERANS, SENIORS AND HUMAN SERVICES LEVY

## The new property tax levy will:

Continue and expand King County's commitment to our **veterans and their families**



- Create a web-based veterans services referral system and two veterans coordination centers to improve connection to services
- Increase access to legal services and housing supports
- Create shelters with supportive services for veterans



Continue and expand King County's commitment to our most **vulnerable individuals and families**, providing connections to services that restore health and build self-sufficiency

- Increase system-connected housing that promotes recovery and reentry by preventing people from discharging from treatment settings or releasing from incarceration into homelessness
- Increase access to legal and housing resources for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault
- Provide new mobile medical vans to increase access to essential services for isolated, homebound or homeless persons across King County
- Support individuals with disabilities and their caregivers in building community participation and inclusion

Support the largest growing segment of our county's population, **older adults**



- Prevent seniors from aging into poverty by creating and expanding housing programs and providing tax relief to low-income seniors
- Support meals on wheels and other food programs for low-income seniors
- Help fund senior activities and programs to promote physical, social and emotional health

### COST

**12¢**  
per \$1,000  
of assessed  
home value

**\$54**

Cost per year for the average homeowner in King County  
(*Estimate based on average King County home value of \$450,000*)



Property tax exemptions for low-income seniors and seniors with a disability

**\$408**  
million

Amount raised over six years to help veterans, active duty service members and their families, seniors, homeless households, and other individuals and families in need

## ACCOUNTABILITY

### Performance Measurement and Evaluation

The Veterans and Human Services Levy produces annual and mid-year financial and performance reports to account for all levy expenditures and measure how each levy activity performs against its goals. See [www.kingcounty.gov/VHSL-Reports](http://www.kingcounty.gov/VHSL-Reports).



### Citizen Oversight



Citizen input and oversight will continue with the new levy. In addition to the boards focused on veterans and regional human services, a new Healthy Aging Advisory Board will be appointed to provide oversight for the older adults element of the new levy. Board meetings and materials are online at [www.kingcounty.gov/VHSL](http://www.kingcounty.gov/VHSL).