



BREAKING NEWS AND INFORMATION

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LOCAL NEWS & ACTION

King County, Seattle Receive Nearly \$1 million in New Federal Homeless Assistance Grants

The City of Seattle and King County have been awarded nearly \$1 million to support the operation costs for two new homeless housing projects opening in 2010, bringing the total for 2010-2011 federal homeless assistance awards to over \$21 million for the region. [Read more.](#)

Special Report: Officials Plan to End Homelessness by 2014

Seattle Post Globe wrote a two part special report which includes interviews from CEH's own Bill Block, Project Director; Dara Kommovongsa, Consumer Advisory Council member; and Bill Hobson, Interagency Council member. [Read more here.](#)



Upside of a Downturn: New Neighborhood Housing for the Low-Income

[Read how](#) CEH's Funders Group made the funding process efficient for LIHI and able to get their U-District project underway in this *Crosscut* article by Judy Lightfoot.

HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan gave an inspirational speech at the National Alliance to End Homelessness 2010 Annual Conference. He states, "we can end homelessness in America. We can house anyone—and that our challenge now is to house everyone." [Read his full speech.](#)

Homeless Encampment Protocol More Humane

Under direction of Mayor Mike McGinn, the Seattle Human Services Department developed new protocols and procedures earlier this year to provide a more humane response to homeless encampments on City property. The changes expand outreach, notification, and the availability of shelter. Among the improvements:

- Outreach to encampment residents is no longer limited to sites with three or more structures. Outreach workers visit sites to see if campers need services or temporary shelter or housing.
- Notification to campers of cleanup (72 hours in advance) has been expanded to sites that are "permanently posted." Permanent posting occurs if a site has been cleared three times within 60 days. Previously these sites were exempt from notification.
- The City will improve coordination between outreach workers and workers doing the cleanup to provide accurate information about cleanup dates and times.
- The use of beds at the Roy Street shelter will be expanded. When this shelter first opened, it was designated as a shelter only for campers who were referred by outreach workers. Now, empty beds can be used by other homeless people who need shelter.
- The City will provide information about cleanups to business owners and residents directly affected by encampment sites.



For more information, please contact Edwin Obras, Seattle Human Services Department by [e-mail](#), or by phone, 206-684-0419.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The Committee to End Homelessness in King County is sponsoring an RFP to faith-based communities to increase the number of faith communities that are committed to taking action to help people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness (with an emphasis on faith communities in geographic areas where there are currently only limited shelter, housing and services resources) and help faith communities convert commitment into action.

The total amount of funding available is approximately \$80,000, spread over 2 years (\$40,000 annually). The RFP is available on the main page of the [CEHKC website](#). **Applications are due by 4:30, Wednesday, August 4th.** Contact Gretchen Bruce with questions, gretchen.bruce@king.county.gov



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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES continued....

Weyerhaeuser Foundation is seeking grant applications from agencies that provide affordable housing for working families, enable homeless families to achieve permanent, stable housing, or effectively keep families in their homes and prevent them from becoming homeless. The Foundation seeks to fund a total of \$100,000 in one to four grants within this category. **Electronic submissions are due by September 1, 2010.** Go to: <http://www.weyerhaeuser.com/Sustainability/Foundation/GrantGuidelines> for information.

King County Housing and Community Development Program / Housing Finance Program has approximately \$7.8 million available in 2010 capital funds for multifamily rental and ownership housing development. [Click here](#) for information on the 2010 Request for Proposals and application materials. Applications are due not later than **Friday, September 10, 2010 by 4pm.**

Seattle/King County Combined NOFA – Housing & Homelessness The Fall 2010 Combined Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for housing with supportive services for homeless families, individuals, and young adults has been released and available [online](#).

The Combined NOFA will allocate up to \$49 million for capital and supportive services, issued by seven public and private funders including the City of Seattle Human Services Department, Seattle Office of Housing, King County Department of Community & Human Services, The United Way of King County, ARCH A Regional Coalition for Housing, the Seattle Housing Authority, the King County Housing Authority, and the Washington Families Fund.

EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Health Care for the Homeless presents...

“Prevention of Communicable Diseases for People Living Homeless and the Settings that Serve Them.”
Premiere showing on **Thursday, August 5th**, from **1:00 PM - 3:00 PM** at the **Chinook Building** (401 5th Avenue Seattle), Room 121. For more information, call (206) 296-5091.

These films are intended to communicate clearly with people who are homeless and staff at agencies serving them about promoting health and wellness under difficult circumstances (think influenza outbreak, for example).

Cast members include people living homeless and staff from Chief Seattle Club, Compass Housing Alliance, St. Martin de Porres, Women’s Wellness Center, Health Care for the Homeless Network and Operation Sack Lunch.

SKCCH Training - Advocating for Students Who Are Homeless August 19, 2010, 10:15am – 12:15pm **Catholic Community Services – 100 23rd Ave S at Yesler Way, Seattle**

Free training! Learn about children’s rights, schools’ responsibilities, and how to help make connections that support kids and families.

We’ll cover the basics of McKinney-Vento as it applies to children’s educational rights; discuss case studies, ask questions, and problem solve with colleagues.

Staff from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), and lawyers from Columbia Legal Services will present, along with SKCCH members. All presenters are experienced in the details of the law, and the ins-and-outs of helping children and parents get access to the support they need.

SKKCH needs volunteers for Project Cool Backpack Stuffing (Aug 4) & Backpack Distribution Day (Aug 10)

[Sign up to volunteer](#) for a couple of hours between 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. on those dates – send [Jenn](#) your name, preferred date and time, and how many people you’ll bring with you, she’ll send the details of our new Ballard location for backpack stuffing and distribution.

United Way of King County’s Community Resource Exchange

United Way of King County has finalized the date for the [Community Resource Exchange \(CRE\)](#), the one-day, one-stop event for people experiencing homelessness in King County. This year, the CRE will take place on **Friday, September 24** and will be held again at **QWEST Field**.



EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES continued.....

United Way of King County's Day of Caring – Save the Date: September 24, 2010

Day of Caring represents the largest single day of volunteering in Washington State. [Sign up here](#) and UWKC will contact you when registration opens on August 10 and send you other important Day of Caring updates. Last year's Day of Caring was their biggest to date. Over 9,000 volunteers rolled up their sleeves and joined together to make a huge difference at 270 local organizations throughout King County.

CEH COMMITTEE UPDATES

Governing Board

Co-Chairs: Dan Brettler and Dow Constantine. Staff: Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov) and Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov). Meeting dates vary: Time: 8:30am – 10:30am. Location: YWCA Opportunity Place. Meeting Summaries of previous Governing Board meetings are available at www.cehkc.org

Recent Meeting July 28, 2010

- Proposal to conduct a Mid-Plan Review. Recommendation to convene a workgroup, with members from the Governing Board, Interagency Council, Funders Group and Consumer Advisory Council, to recommend the content of the Review. Key elements would include 1) What have we accomplished, what are the key gaps, and how do they relate to local and national research, emerging best practices and accomplishments of other Ten-Year Plans? 2) Based on this background what should CEHCK prioritize for the short-term (years 6 & 7 of The Plan) and longer term (years 8, 9 & 10) and what is the attendant work plan to move forward.
- Brief review of Funders Group Workplans
- Brief review of the Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

Upcoming Meeting: October 27, 8:30am – 10:30am (Note Date Change to October)
YWCA Opportunity Place – 2024 Third Ave, Seattle

Interagency Council (IAC)

Co-Chairs: Stephen Norman and Sue Sherbrooke. Staff: Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov) and Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov). Typical Meeting Schedule: 1st Monday of the month, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, rotating locations (Seattle, Bellevue, Renton). Meeting summaries of previous IAC meetings available at www.cehkc.org

Recent Meeting: May 3, 2010 (June IAC Meeting Cancelled)

- Progress points under the Ten-Year Plan, specifically Housing Production; Landlord Liaison Project; Coordinated Entry for vulnerable single adults; Coordinated Entry for families; and Safe Harbors/HMIS
- Expiring funds and contracts in the coming years and role of performance and evaluation in contracting / NOFA. Initial thoughts on system and funding priorities, including YYA model and shelter; funding implications of high needs vs. moderate needs programs; and benefits/challenges of a flexible funding model.
- Mainstream connections, specifically with K-12 education and DSHS.

Upcoming Meeting: August 2, 2010, 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Saint Mark's – 1245 Tenth Ave E, Seattle

Draft Agenda Topics:

- Mid-Plan Review of the Ten Year Plan– discuss elements that should be included
- Funder Group Work Plans – discuss deliverable and challenges, discuss potential involvement for IAC members
- Federal Strategic Plan – discuss Federal Strategic Plan and implications for CEH efforts on national and state levels



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Consumer Advisory Council (CAC)

Co-Chair: Rotating members; Staff: Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov) and Kristine Gullin (kristine.gullin@kingcounty.gov). Typical Meeting Schedule: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:00pm – 8:00pm at Plymouth Congregational Church. Meeting summaries of previous Consumer Advisory Council meetings available at www.cehkc.org

Recent Meeting: July 21, 2010

Jana Wilson from Healthcare for the Homeless Network presented on Partnership for Health Improvement Through Shared Information (PHISI), a proposed health information exchange focused on people in King County under 200% of poverty. Committee members gave their feedback on their concerns of privacy and stereo-typing.

Upcoming Meeting: August 18, 2010, 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Cal Anderson Park – 1635 11th Ave, Seattle

Draft Agenda Topics: No agenda, it's the CAC Summer Family Picnic!

Single Adults Committee

Chair: Steve Roberts (stevesroberts@comcast.net) and Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov). Typical Meeting Schedule: Single Adults will meet quarterly in 2010, 2:30pm – 4:00pm at YWCA Opportunity Place, 2024 Third Ave, Seattle.

Recent Meeting May 17, 2010

Effect of the GAU reformation statute, creating the Disability Lifeline. See UWKC's webpage for discussion of the changes: <http://www.uwkcblog.org/2010/05/11/3530/>

Upcoming Meeting: TBD, 2:30pm – 4:00pm

Families Committee

Co-Chairs: Doreen Cato & Dan McDougall-Treacy. Staff: Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov). Typical Meeting Schedule: quarterly or ad hoc from 10 am to Noon.

Recent Meeting: May 10, 2010

Review of the Families Strategic Plan, and recommendations on implementation. Coordination with SKCCH and Columbia Legal Services on working with School Districts to better serve homeless students.

Upcoming Meeting: TBD

Youth and Young Adult Committee (YYA)

Co-Chairs: Mike Heinisch, Charlotte Tucker Staff: Marci Curtin (marci.curtin@seattle.gov). Typical Meeting Schedule: 2nd Wed every other month, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, usually at the 2100 Building but may rotate.

Recent Meeting: July 14, 2010

CEH youth and young adult subcommittee co-chair vote, Combined NOFA discussion, Review Opening Doors Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness as it relates to homeless youth/young adults, meeting frequency/charter discussion, and review 2010 goals to confirm meeting topics.

Upcoming Meeting: **YYA meeting schedule is changing to an every other month schedule**
September 8, 2010, 2:00pm – 4:00pm
White River Historical Museum – 918 H Street SE, Auburn

Public Relations

Chair: Sherry Hamilton (sherry.hamilton@kingcounty.gov). ***NEW MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2010*** Typical Meeting Schedule: 4th Wed of month, 3:30pm – 4:30pm at Chinook Building 401 – 5th Ave, Room 526.

Upcoming Meeting: August 25, 2010, 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Chinook Building – 401 Fifth Avenue, Room 526, Seattle



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Legislative Advocacy

Co-Chairs: Marilyn Mason-Plunkett and Barbara Langdon. Staff: Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov). Typical Meeting Schedule: 2nd Tuesday of the month from 8:30am – 10:00am, DESC/DSHS shared building

Upcoming Meeting: On hiatus until Annual Legislative Breakfast planning and 2011 session

RELATED COMMUNITY MEETING UPDATES

Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness (SKCCH)

The General meeting is the 3rd Thurs of each month, 9:00am -11:00am at E Cherry YWCA. Most attendees are providers or homeless community members and other concerned folks are welcome. Several standing committees also meet regularly (families with children; youth & young adults, single adults; advocacy). Learn more and sign up for meeting reminders at www.homelessinfo.org

Upcoming General Meeting: August 19, 2010, 9:00am – 10:00am *note time change
Catholic Community Services – 100 23rd Ave S at Yesler Way, Seattle

Interfaith Task Force on Homelessness (ITFH)

The ITFH works among, between, and within the faith community and seeks to create the political will to end homelessness using targeted education, outreach and advocacy. Typical Meeting Schedule: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 12:00pm -1:30pm at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral. Contact: Bill Kirlin-Hackett at ifh@comcast.net or call at (425) 442-5418.

Upcoming Meeting: August CANCELLED, next meeting September 15, 2010, 12:00pm – 1:30pm
Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, 2nd Fir Conference Rm, 1245 – 10th Ave E, Seattle

South King County Forum on Homelessness

Contact: Jason Johnson, City of Kent JaJohnson@ci.kent.wa.us. The SKC Forum on Homelessness meets the 1st Wed. of every month at 9:00am – 10:30am at the Kent Senior Activity Center to 1) keep South county service providers in touch with one-another; 2) share resources with / for SKC service providers; 3) receive updates and announcements of new or future projects; 4) to help bridge the disconnect between the homeless and services. Most attendees are planners or providers, though anyone is welcome to attend. SKC Forum on Homelessness web address: <http://www.ci.kent.wa.us/humanservices/index.aspx?id=2728>

Upcoming Meeting: August 4, 2010, 9:00am – 10:30am
Kent Senior Activity Center – 600 E Smith Street, Kent

Eastside Homelessness Advisory Committee (EHAC)

Contact: Arthur Sullivan ASullivan@bellevuewa.gov or Sharon Anderson sanderson@ci.kirkland.wa.us. EHAC coordinates homeless housing & service activities in East King County. Most attendees are planners or providers; though anyone is welcome. Typical Meeting Schedule: 2nd Thursday of the month, 2:00pm – 4:00pm. (NOTE: new time) First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (just south of 520)

Upcoming Meeting: August 12, 2010 2:00pm – 4:00pm
First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue – 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue

University District Service Provider's Alliance Service Provider Team

Contact: Lindsey Nutting udsp.spt@gmail.com U-District Service Provider's Alliance share information relevant to working with homeless youth and young adults, program updates, and neighborhood updates. A service provider debrief follows each meeting. Typical Meeting Schedule: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 11:00am – 12:30pm, Street Youth Ministries Drop In, 4540 – 15th Ave NE

Upcoming Meeting: August 11, 2010, 11:00am – 12:30pm
Street Youth Ministries Drop-In – 4540 – 15th Ave NE, Seattle