



## **INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Planning & Community Development Committee**

**FROM: Jack Pace DCD Director**

**BY: Minnie Dhaliwal, Deputy DCD Director**

**CC: Mayor Ekberg**

**DATE: March 1, 2021**

**SUBJECT: King County's Health through Housing Initiative**

### **ISSUE**

King County's Health through Housing Initiative

### **BACKGROUND**

On Feb 22, 2021, Leo Flor, Director King County Department of Community and Housing Services and Kelly Rider, Government Relations Manager gave presentation to the Tukwila City Council on King County's Health through Housing Initiative. The presentation is attached to this memo.

### **DISCUSSION**

King County Council adopted a .1% countywide sales tax in October 2020, as authorized by HB 1590. King County is expecting to generate \$50 million per year in 2021. King County's goal is to house 1600 King County residents experiencing or at risk of experiencing chronic homelessness. To meet this goal King County would like to acquire buildings that are single room setting like hotels.

Prior to working on any site acquisition King County would like to know if the City supports this general concept or if there are any additional concerns that should be taken into consideration for siting such a facility in Tukwila.

Based on the direction from the City Council staff can do additional research on this topic. Staff has identified the following questions for Committee's initial consideration:

- 1) Does the City support this general concept?
- 2) Are there any location concerns that should be taken into account?
- 3) Should existing Tukwila residents who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing chronic homelessness be prioritized?
- 4) Identify any additional information or policy options that staff should provide for Council's consideration.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Unknown at this time.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff is seeking direction from Council on the next steps on this topic.

### **ATTACHMENT**

Powerpoint Presentation by Leo Flor and Kelly Rider, King County



# KING COUNTY HEALTH THROUGH HOUSING INITIATIVE

**Presentation to the Tukwila City Council  
February 22, 2021**

Leo Flor, Director, King County Department of Community & Human Services (DCHS)  
Kelly Rider, Government Relations Manager, King County DCHS

# HEALTH THROUGH HOUSING INITIATIVE OVERVIEW

## SUMMARY

- 0.1% Countywide Sales Tax (in Unincorporated King County and All Cities but 8)
- Estimated to generate approximately \$50 million/year in 2021
- Adopted by King County Council in October 2020

## GOAL

**House 1,600 King County residents experiencing, or at risk of, chronic homelessness—while reducing racial-ethnic disproportionality—by:**

1. acquiring single-room settings like hotels while economic conditions are favorable,
2. putting buildings into immediate service as emergency and affordable housing,
3. funding sustainable and long-term operating and supportive services within housing,
4. converting into permanent supportive housing over time while continuing to develop additional affordable housing.

# WHY THIS APPROACH?



Housing is Effective: Housing is a foundation for health and supported housing is a proven solution for homelessness.



Single Room Housing is Healthier: Congregate shelters are not a long-term solution.

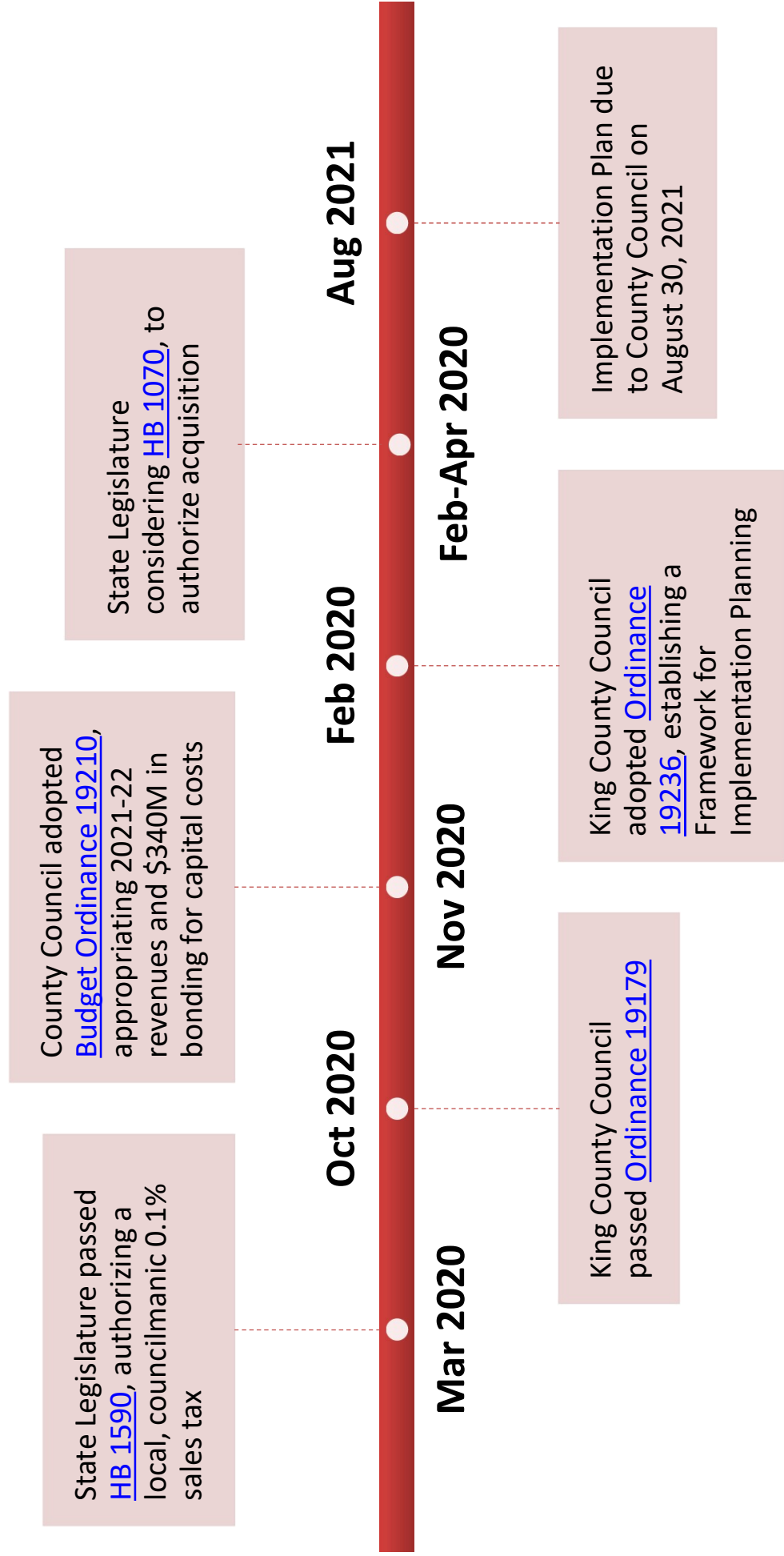


Stewardship: A temporary opportunity to make an immediate & lasting difference while making resources go further.



It Will Take Us All: We will have a Bigger Impact Faster *if We Work Together*.

# HEALTH THROUGH HOUSING INITIATIVE LEGISLATIVE TIMELINE



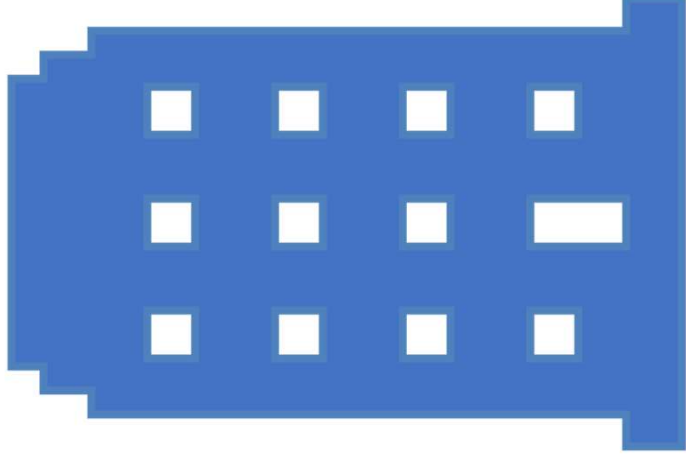
# WHO WILL BE SERVED?

Households at or below 30% Area Median Income (~\$30,000/family of 4) who meet one of the following definitions

1. Households experiencing chronic homelessness:
  - Includes an adult with a disability AND
  - Either currently experiencing homelessness for at least 12 consecutive months or has experienced homelessness for a cumulative 12 months within the previous 3 years
2. Households at risk of experiencing chronic homelessness:
  - Includes an adult with a disability; AND
  - Either currently experiencing homelessness for 10-12 months in the previous 3 years or has experienced homelessness for a cumulative total of 12 months within the last 5 years; AND
  - Represents a population disproportionately impacted by homelessness

# BUILDING CRITERIA

- Existing buildings, with 75-150 units
- Units with private bedroom and bathroom
- Priority for recent construction, 1990 and later
- Internal stairways
- Zoned for HTH use
- Supports ADA access, including elevators





# WHAT WILL HTF FUND?

1. Site Acquisition
2. Building Operations
3. On-site 24/7 Staffing
4. Case Management Services
5. Site Rehab/Construction as needed to fully convert to Permanent Supportive Housing

# POTENTIAL NEXT STEPS FOR A TUKWILA PARTNERSHIP



Green light search for HTH property within Tukwila



Identify primary contact for staff partnership



If site is identified, approve County's acquisition



Partner on community conversations



**QUESTIONS?**

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