Seattle
Human Services

Memo

Date: February 16, 2024
To: Helen Howell, KCRHA Interim Chief Executive Officer
Darrell Powell, KCRHA Interim Chief Executive Officer
From: Tanya Kim, HSD Director
Subject: Notice of Contract Change

Dear CEO Howell & CEO Powell,

Thank you for your continued commitment to ending homelessness in King County and your partnership with the City of Seattle in building a stronger regional approach. We would like to inform you about upcoming changes to the City's funding for the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) budget within two program areas.

- **Homelessness Prevention:** Beginning Q3 2024, the City will transfer oversight of all City-funded Homelessness Prevention contracts (approximately $4.2 million annually) back to the Seattle Human Services Department (HSD). This shift aligns with HSD's role in leading upstream housing and community stability efforts, while RHA continues leading the emergency homelessness response system. In addition, this brings Seattle into alignment with King County, whose prevention efforts remained at the Department of Community and Human Services and did not transfer to KCRHA in 2022.
- **Outreach:** Beginning Q1 2025**,** the City will transfer oversight of all outreach funding (approximately $7.5M annually) back to HSD in an effort to carefully examine how outreach investments align to the evolving needs of the city and ensure effective use of City funding in meeting desired outcomes. We remain committed to achieving our goal of providing meaningful connections to services and shelter placements for our unhoused neighbors, while realigning resources with current needs and priorities.

Beginning immediately, HSD and KCRHA will start development of a transition plan and timeline to ensure an orderly transition and minimize any disruptions, which will include direct engagement with service providers. Actual shifts in funding will occur through a formal amendment to the Master Services Agreement (MSA).

We remain committed to our partnership in building an effective homelessness response system that will serve the entire region. We look forward to working with you and KCRHA on implementing the changes outlined above and will provide more updates as this work progresses.

Sincerely,

Tanya Kim
Director, Human Services Department