Seattle
Human Services

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Dear Prevention Provider,

Thank you for your continued commitment to serving the most vulnerable in our community.

As has been recently reported, the Human Services Department (HSD) will assume oversight of all City of Seattle-funded prevention contracts, approximately $4.2 million annually, beginning in Q3 2024. This funding shift aligns with HSD's work in leading upstream housing stability efforts for the City and will allow KCRHA to focus on the region's emergency homelessness response. It also brings HSD into alignment with King County, whose prevention contracts did not transfer to KCRHA and remain with the Department of Community and Human Services.

Change is not without challenges, but we are excited about the opportunities this realignment provides, not only to our region's response to homelessness, but to you as a provider. **The City has no plans at this time to reprocure prevention funds, either this year or in 2025.** We hope to continue our partnership with you in supporting families and individuals at risk of homelessness to remain in their homes – important work that will be further strengthened by recent passage of the 2023 Seattle Housing Levy.

You will be hearing soon from our Director of Homelessness, Chris Klaeysen, with more information as details of the transition are confirmed. This will be an opportunity for my team to talk with you about your current prevention work and what is possible moving forward.

In closing, I want to affirm the City of Seattle's ongoing commitment to KCRHA and to working together to build a more effective homelessness response system. We remain grateful for our partnership with KCRHA and with you as we all work toward our common goal of reducing homelessness in Seattle and King County.

In partnership,

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