



## Bremerton's 2023 Support for Affordable Housing



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As Mayor, one of my continued goals is to address affordable housing in our City. I have given direction to my administration to put in place policies and seek funding as part of that commitment. I am pleased to share with you the affordable housing initiatives being funded in 2023. More than 4.2 million dollars has been allocated for affordable housing, and here is how the City has budgeted to assist Bremerton citizens:

### **Rental Assistance**

***\$800,000 available***

The City has partnered with Bremerton Housing Authority (BHA) to deliver the City's rental assistance program for our community members in need. The program can provide income qualified short-term funds to assist with the payment of rent, or to prevent eviction, or can provide assistance with security deposits.

[See BHA's website for more information.](#)

### **Supporting Home Buyers with Down Payment Assistance**

***\$775,000 available***

The City has partnered with Community Frameworks in order to offer support for affordable homeownership opportunities. The program offers deferred down payment assistance lending with a first mortgage from a partner lender so that a qualified buyer becomes equipped to purchase a home with affordable monthly mortgage payments. Our homebuyers often pay the same or less monthly to own their own home than they had been paying in rent – Now with the freedom to make their home their own.

[See Community Framework's website for more information.](#)

### **Supporting Citizens with Weatherization & Minor Home Repair**

***\$150,000 available***

The City has partnered with Kitsap Community Resources (KCR) for a program that can help make your home more energy efficient, reduce home energy consumption, and increase the health safety, comfort and longevity of your home. This program can help fix home insulation, heating system repairs, health and safety issues and more. This program is available to both homeowners and renters in the City.

[See KCR's website for more information.](#)

### **Substandard Housing Displacement**

***\$100,000 available***

In 2023 the City is developing a program that assists low-income tenants with relocation costs if it is found that they are residing in rental units that don't meet Federal housing standards for safety and they need to move. This program is in the development stage and it is anticipated that it will be up and running this year.



## Other City Partnerships with Agencies to Deliver Housing Options

### **Peninsula Community Health Services (PCHS) Respite Care - \$100,000**

The City is financially supporting PCHS's initiative to build a Respite Care facility that will be a place where our unhoused community members can recover and focus on healing as they transition from hospital care. The facility will have 22 individual rooms and patients will receive 24/7 support for up to 30 days to recuperate from an acute illness or injury. The patients will be supported with the creation of plans that will enable them to safely transition to more stable environments.



### **Kitsap Community Resource's Manette Townhome Project - \$1,010,000**

KCR will be constructing 9 townhomes in Manette. This new-construction project will be comprised of three townhouse style triplexes, and each triplex will have two units with 2-bedrooms and one 3-bedroom unit. The City has supported this project with our HOME Federal grant at just over \$580,000, and in addition the City was also able to secure \$430,000 State funding for project infrastructure.

### **Purchase of Mills Crossing Complex - \$500,000**

The City contributed \$500,000 of ARPA funding to support Kitsap Community Resources' purchase of the Mills Crossing 36-unit townhome development project which will create more affordable housing in the City.

### **Housing Navigation Program - \$201,000**

Through the use of HOME-ARP funds, the City will partner with Bremerton Housing Authority (BHA) in a three year pilot program to address affordable housing issues and low utilization rate of our Federal Housing vouchers. The City will be supporting the creation of a "Housing Navigator" program staffed at BHA that will provide intensive housing locator services for housing voucher holders, with the goal to achieve full utilization of our community's vouchers.

### **Affordable Housing Development Project - \$580,000**

In addition to the Housing Navigator program, the City will use HOME-ARP funds to assist BHA to construct new affordable housing units. BHA intends to expand the Shadow Creek Apartment complex to increase inventory of affordable housing units.

