

Subsidized annual pass

Freedom and possibilities through transit



SUBSIDY SUMMARY

Transit allows communities and individuals to access the opportunities needed to thrive. That's why King County Metro and Sound Transit have partnered to create a new, subsidized annual pass program, allowing qualifying riders to travel on our select transit modes without paying a fare.

Who is eligible?

Customers over the age of 6 with incomes at or below 80% of the federal poverty level, and who meet these additional criteria:

- 1. Residence in King, Pierce, or Snohomish Counties.**
- 2. Enrollment in a benefit program. At the 2020–2021 launch year, eligibility is restricted to recipients of these six state benefit programs, but expansions to this eligibility criteria may be made as early as 2022.**
 - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)/ State Family Assistance (SFA)
 - Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)
 - Aged, Blind, or Disabled Cash Assistance (ABD)
 - Pregnant Women Assistance (PWA)
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - Housing & Essential Needs (HEN)

Evaluating the subsidy program and delivering results

Evaluation will help us ensure that the program is effective, equity-centered, and responds to the needs of customers. Annual evaluation reports will provide information to decision-makers, the public, and partners about the program's reach and benefit for people with the greatest need. The evaluation plan will comprehensively:

- Determine if the program is meeting the needs of people we aim to serve
- Assure that decisions are made based on data
- Investigate impact in the short, medium, and long term
- Measure the impact on participant's lives by speaking directly to them
- Inform recommendations for program changes and expansions

Our expectations for the program

Short term outcomes

The subsidized annual pass will give participants greater mobility

Medium term outcomes

Greater mobility will allow participants to access services (school, jobs, recreation, health care) and social connections

Long term outcomes

Greater access to services and social connections will lead to improved health and well-being, including quality of life, housing, education, and employment

Enrollment partners: How to get a subsidized annual pass

Eligible customers can enroll through the following agencies:

- Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)
- Public Health - Seattle & King County
- Catholic Community Services (CCS)

Customers will receive a subsidized annual pass loaded onto an ORCA LIFT or Regional Reduced Fare Permit (RRFP) card.

Transit fares with the subsidized annual pass

Fares fully subsidized



Fares not subsidized

Reduced fares available

	ORCA LIFT reduced fare	RRFP reduced fare	Adult fare
	✓	✓	✓
	✓	✓	✓
	✓	✓	✓
	✗	✗	✓
	✗	✓	✓
	✗	✓	✓

Other reduced fare pass options

Clients who do not qualify for the subsidized annual pass may qualify for reduced fares via our ORCA LIFT program (income-based for people at or below 200% of federal poverty) or through the Regional Reduced Fare Permit (for seniors and people with disabilities). **More information can be found at orcalift.com.**

ORCA card options

Regional Reduced Fare Permit	ORCA LIFT	ORCA Youth	Adult ORCA
RRFP: Disability	Income qualified	6–18 years	19–64 years
RRFP: Senior 65+			
For riders with disabilities or Medicare	For riders at or below 200% federal poverty level	Check if your school can help with costs	Check if your school or employer can help with costs
\$	\$\$	\$\$	\$\$\$
LOWEST COST	LOW COST	LOW COST	FULL COST

Children 5 years of age and under can ride free with an adult and do not need an ORCA card.
For more information about these fare options, visit kingcounty.gov/metro/fares

Additional information

For more detailed information, visit:
kingcounty.gov/SubsidizedAnnualPass
orcalift.com

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