



King County

*Veterans, Seniors &
Human Services Levy*



King County Veterans Program (KCVP) + Veteran Services

What is King County Veterans Program?

King County Veterans Program (KCVP) is comprised of two direct service sites serving veterans in King County

The offices in Tukwila and Northgate are open M-F to provide connections to resources, onsite services through partner agencies, financial assistance, and case management.

Walk-in hours are M-F 8:30am-11am and 1pm-3pm at both offices. If seen within past six months, you do not need to go through walk-ins.

You do not need to be eligible for VA services to be assisted at KCVP. Flexibility exists in how to establish veteran status.

How is KCVP Funded?

KCVP has two funding sources

Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy (VSHSL)

- Just renewed and will run from 2024-2029
- Property tax levy that funds three populations
- Veterans funding goes toward direct services (KCVP) and community partnerships (currently 49 organizations)
- Allows for flexible definition of veteran/family

Veterans Relief Fund (VRF)

- State tax levy available to all counties in WA; amount depends on size
- Stricter criteria about what funding can be used for and veteran definition
- Biennium budget (currently 2023-2024)

What Makes KCVP Eligibility Different?

KCVP serves many veterans and their family members that cannot be served elsewhere. Through the VSHSL we are able to define veteran and family member more broadly than other service providers (including state and federal).

Veteran: any person who ever served a day in the U.S. military (including Guard/Reserve), regardless of discharge status.

Family member: one or more cohabitating adults over the age of 18 in combination with other adults or children, regardless of relationship. Includes those who in the past year relied on each other for mutual support/stability

Flexibility exists in establishing veteran status

KCVP Services

KCVP offers light-touch case management and access to the following resources (some of which are income-based):

- Financial assistance (rent, utilities, basic needs)
- Employment navigation
- Housing stability (housing vouchers, rent assistance, eviction prevention, help finding affordable units)
- Applying for and obtaining government benefits (VA, SSI/SSDI, SNAP, etc.)
- Legal issues (eviction prevention, reasonable accommodations, civil legal matters)
- End of life/burial assistance

VSHSL-Funded Veteran Services

Services for veterans, funded through the Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy (VSHSL) span all five result areas, with many agencies also providing on-site services at KCVP locations

Financial Stability	Healthy Living	Social Engagement	Housing Stability	System Access & Improvement
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Employment navigation*• KC Vets Fellowship• Vet Corps• Student Veteran Childcare Pilot• Access to Government Benefits*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Veterans PTSD, MST, and End of Life Counseling*• Military Family Counseling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vets Engaged• Caregiver Respite	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Navigation for Homeless Veterans• Eviction Prevention*• Foreclosure Prevention*• CCM Vouchers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pathfinders (serving specific veteran populations)*• Veteran Training & Support Center

Services with an asterisk () provide on-site partnerships at KCVP through the Combined Arms model*

Housing Stability Services

KCVP offers on and off-site partnerships for the following services:

- Foreclosure prevention partnership with the Washington State Housing Finance Commission
- Eviction prevention services through multiple agencies offering on-site services (Sound, YWCA, Catholic Community Services)
- Legal assistance related to housing (i.e. reasonable accommodations, preventing unlawful evictions, negotiating tenancy/leases)
- Housing voucher program (CCM) offered in partnership with King County Housing Authority. Currently we manage 188 housing for homeless veterans in King County, under 80% of Area Median Income, who do not need clinical case management

CCM Vouchers (VASH)

Collaborative Case Management (CCM) is a unique program where KCVP is granted VASH vouchers through local PHA's to serve lower-acuity homeless veterans

- Different from tenant-based or project-based VASH through the VA as KCVP provides all case management/referrals
- Fills a housing service gap in our continuum of care
- Reduces time to receive voucher due to bypassing VA staffing issues
- Still utilizes federal veteran definition (unlike other KCVP programs) as it's a HUD voucher, but subject to expanded eligibility to include Other than Honorable discharges
- Referrals made by KCVP or community orgs; case conferenced; KCVP maintains decision making authority

Shelter Services

Current contracts for shelter beds (right of referral for KCVP, set aside for veterans/family members):

Emergency beds:

- 30 beds at William Booth Center
- 6 beds at Congregations for the Homeless
- 10 beds at Otto's Place (PSMP Compass)
- 2 beds at Angeline's Place (female-identifying)

Transitional beds:

- 6 beds at Burien House (~6 months)
- 4-6 beds upcoming LGBTQ veteran transitional housing (2024)

Veterans or family members should go through KCVP for shelter referrals via walk-in or existing KCVP case manager

KCVP Wellness Program

The **KCVP Wellness Program** assists eligible households to pay for health and wellness-related costs such as:

- Mobility and hearing aids
- Dental care
- Medical and behavioral health care
- Short-term in-home care
- Other wellness related costs

To qualify, households must meet the following basic **KCVP eligibility**:

- Live in King County, or proof of residence beginning in the next 30 days
- Have served at least one day in the military, any branch and discharge type
- Be or become enrolled with KCVP
- Fall within the gross (pre-tax) monthly income limits of 0%-60% AMI

Veteran Services Highlights

- KCVP provides wraparound services to more than 2,000 veterans every year, with less restrictions than many other veterans programs. Over 2,000 veterans have already been served at KCVP so far this year; on track to serve 3,000 in 2023
- In the first half of 2023, almost \$2 million in financial assistance was provided to local veterans, servicemembers, and their families through KCVP
- Since mid-2021, CCM has provided 188 permanent housing vouchers to homeless veterans in King County with over 150 veterans now in permanent housing. An additional 100+ vouchers are expected in the next 3-6 months
- Partnerships with VSHSL-funded agencies have provided over 10,000 free counseling sessions to veterans and their families since 2020

Questions?

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