



Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board

The purpose of the Kitsap County Veteran’s Advisory Board is to advise the Board of County Commissioners on the needs of local indigent veterans, the resources available to local indigent veterans, and the programs that could benefit the needs of local indigent veterans and their families.



BOARD MEETING

DATE: June 12, 2024
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Olympic College, Building 4, Room 129.

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Topic: Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting
Meeting ID: 834 6002 9859
Passcode: 116863
Phone: 1-253-215-8782

AGENDA

* = Action Item

- 1. **Call to Order.** Mark Lowe
- 2. **Online Announcement.** Jayme DeGooyer
- 3. **Welcome to attendees and new board members.** Jayme DeGooyer
- 4. **Introduction of Attendees.** Mark Lowe
- 5. **Approval of Agenda. *** Jayme DeGooyer
- 6. **Approval of May 8, 2024, VAB Minutes. *** Jayme DeGooyer
- 7. **Guest Speaker.** Travis Garrett and Samantha Lyons of Veterans Court Rick Raymond
- 8. **Reports.**
 - a. **Veterans Assistance Fund Reports Review Expenditures.** VAB Members
 - b. **Update on KCR Veteran Assistance Fund administration.** Joel Burkhardt
 - c. **Committee Reports.** See Attachment A for upcoming events.

Topic	VAB Member
Aging Veterans Services	Matt Shillingburg
Housing and Homelessness	Branden Davis
Public Affairs and Social Media	Brian Davis
Special Event VAB Support -	Peggy Roy
Veteran Education	Tatiane Simmons
Veteran Health Care	Peggy Roy
Veteran Mental Health Plans and Programs	Rick Raymond
Veterans Garden	Andrew Magallanez
Women’s Veteran Services	Jayme DeGooyer
Veteran Employment and Employment Opportunities	Bill Martin
Veteran Assistance Fund Client Assessments	Samantha D’Anella
Veteran Court Mentorship	Rick Raymond

- 9. **Old Business:**
 - a. Review initiative to establish a Veterans Resource Center. Matt Shillingburg
 - b. Work Plan Review. See Attachment B. Rick Becker

10. New Business: See Attachment C for proposal details.

Topic	VAB Member
Kitsap County Fair Presence with American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars	Rick Becker
Propose Increase to VAF spending limits to \$3,500.	Rick Becker
Propose increase to the VAF income threshold to 200% of Federal Poverty Level	Rick Becker
VAF funded Debit Cards to deliver immediate assistance.	Rick Becker

11. Public Comments.

12. Good of the Order/Announcements.

13. **Next Meeting.** July 10, 2024, 1730, Olympic College, Building 4, Room 129.

14. Adjourn.

Attachment A

VAB Events 2024

January TBD – Begin Run to Tahoma planning meetings.

January 10 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting – Topic: Kitsap Rescue Mission (Ron Valencia)

February 13 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting – Topic: Casey Jinks, Kitsap County Sheriff's Office (Rick Becker)

March 2 – Military Appreciation Day at the Kitsap Pavilion. Open to the public 11:00am – 2pm.

March 6 – 6:00pm Run to Tahoma Planning Meeting at American Legion Post 149.

March 13 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting – Topic: Puget Sound Energy Program updates – Maria Dozeman

March/April TBD - Veteran Garden prep

April 3 - 6:00pm Run to Tahoma Planning Meeting at American Legion Post 149.

April 10 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting – Topic: Evergreen Goodwill (Andrew Magallanez)

April 27 – Spring Stand Down, Sheridan Park Community Center

May TBD – Veteran Garden Working Party

May 1 - 6:00pm Run to Tahoma Planning Meeting at American Legion Post 149.

May 8 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting – Topic: 2024 Legislative Wrap Up with Caldier and Spencer-Hutchins. (Rick Raymond and Andrew Magallanez)

May 24 – The Unforgotten, Run to Tahoma; transfer Veteran remains from Coroner to CountyAdmin Building

May 25 – 1000, The Unforgotten, Run to Tahoma

June 8 - WDVA Women Veterans Conference. Yakima Convention Center.

June 12 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting –

July TBD – 1000 – 1200, Veteran's Garden Working Party

July 10 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting– Topic

Ongoing: Support Garden maintenance.:

Ongoing: – Veterans Garden Working Party

August 14 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting. – Topic:

September 11 - 1730, VAB Monthly Meeting – Topic:

September TBD - 1830- 2000; World Suicide Prevention

September 28 - Fall Stand Down; 1000 - 1400 (set up, vet registration, and tear down)

October TBD - Veterans Garden Working Party

October 9 – 1730 VAB monthly meeting – Topic:

November 2 - 0900 - 1400, VAB Retreat (no monthly meeting)

November 11, Veterans Day

December 13 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting – Topic:

January 2025 - begin Run to Tahoma planning meetings.
January 8, 2025 - 1730, VAB monthly meeting – Topic:

Attachment B



Veterans Advisory Board 2024 Work Plan

Meeting Days, Time and Location: 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 1730; Location Olympic College Bldg., 4, Room 129.

Advisory Board Chair: Jayme DeGooyer; Jayme.DeGooyer@gmail.com;

Advisory Board Vice Chair: Mark Lowe; mark-d-lowe@wavecable.com

Advisory Board Staff: Rick Becker, rbecker@kitsap.gov, 360-337-4811

Advisory Board Purpose/Mission Statement: Advise the Board of County Commissioners on the needs of local indigent veterans, the resources available to help veterans and programs that could benefit the needs of local indigent veterans and their families.

2024 Goal	Status % Complete	2024 Priority Level	Comments/Coordination
TIER 1: HIGH PRIORITY			
1. Increase outreach activities to both active duty and veterans.	25%	High	Consider participation in Veterans Day, Military Appreciation Day, County Fair, Silverdale Whaling Days, and other community events through the year. Staff information tables at events to provide the Veterans Assistance Program maximum exposure to not only veterans in need but to community members who may know of veterans in need. Document table visitor numbers increase exposure.
2. Establish a concept, scope of operations and estimated annual operating cost for a Kitsap County Veterans Center.	50%	High	The long-term goal is to establish a veteran service center in the county where veterans can come and obtain information, claims assistance, resources, and attend events. Establish a multidisciplinary work group that will develop a business case and plan for consideration by the county commissioners during calendar year 2024. Follow progress at monthly meetings. VAB member lead with others assisting and staff coordinator support.

2024 Goal	Status % Complete	2024 Priority Level	Comments/Coordination
3. Support two Stand Downs with KAVA.	50%	High	Led by the VAB Chair and Vice Chair, as many VAB members as possible engage in the event planning with KAVA and provide on-site staffing support for the events.
4. Plan and execute the Run to Tahoma XIII.	100%	High	The VAB Chair and Vice Chair lead activities with key VAB members to plan the ceremony and collaborate with local veteran motorcycle groups to escort honored veterans to Tahoma National Cemetery.
5. Veteran Garden	75%	High	VAB members will evaluate an opportunity to support a veteran garden at Retsil to assure veteran participation.
6. Improve Veteran Assistance Fund client level demographic and participation data.	0%	High	The VAB Coordinator will conduct in-depth data collection and analysis of Veteran Assistance Fund demographic and utilization information with a goal of better understanding veteran needs and recommend program improvements to address those needs.
7. VAB involved with Kitsap County Mental Health & Suicide Prevention committee established by County – have one VAB board member as representative. Participate in annual Mental Health/Suicide Prevent Event	50%	High	Rick Raymond will represent the VAB at committee meetings and advise the VAB on needed assistance.
TIER 2: MODERATE PRIORITY			
1. VAB increase social media presence to reach more veterans.	50%	Moderate	Social media lead with VAB members feeding applicable information for posting.
2. Maintain presence at Veteran’s Day and Military Appreciation Day events.	100%	Moderate	VAB members.
3. Increase Outreach for Veteran Garden including social media and newspapers	75%	Moderate	VAB members.

2024 Goal	Status % Complete	2024 Priority Level	Comments/Coordination
4. Continue Veteran Program web site improvements.	50%	Moderate	The VAB Coordinator in collaboration with the Human Services Department Office Manager keep the site populated with current information for the public.
TIER 3: LOW PRIORITY			
1. Monitor the status of state legislation that supports the efforts of the Veterans Assistance Program	Ongoing	Low	VAB members and Staff Coordinator. Discuss at monthly VAB meetings for awareness.
2. Maintain a close working relationship with VSOs and community service providers for the purpose of helping veterans complete the VAF application process	Ongoing	Low	Contact and collaborate as needed; Staff Coordinator will remain in contact with local VSOs through the year.
3. Update VAB Manual	Ongoing	Low	Staff Coordinator and VAB Members
4. Solicit guest speakers for the VAB meetings to enhance, educate, and inform board members & community attendees on programs, services, and issues/concerns relevant to veterans	Ongoing	Low	VAB members with staff coordinator supporting as needed.
5. Veterans Court support and monitor ongoing veteran issues.	Ongoing	Low	In coordination with the KCR Veteran Specialist and Human Services Department Bail Studies Coordinator be available to offer assistance to justice involved veterans and their families to help avoid recidivism.

Veterans Assistance Fund (VAF)
Proposal For Future Program Initiatives

INTRODUCTION

We are seeing growth of the VAF fund balance to the point that we may finish 2024 with a balance that, on the surface, could fund emergent and temporary needs for almost two years at current spend rates if demand is stable. The VAF policies and procedures were last updated in March of 2022. Since then, four significant events have occurred that have influenced our healthy fund balance.

- Home values were assessed significantly higher for the past two years resulting in higher property tax collections and revenue to the VAF.
- Replacement of the Kitsap Community Resources (KCR) fund administrator during 2023 after a long period of absence of the incumbent resulted in lower-than-average program use because access to the KCR staff was limited resulting in lower-than-expected expenditures.
- The interim and new KCR VAF administrators found that the previous fund administrator had been making expenditures outside of policies approved in the policies and procedures. A later review of the program verified this.
- The new KCR VAF administrator is closely following VAF policies and procedures and while doing so, is referring clients to other community agencies for long term assistance which has decreased reliance on the VAF for support.

With that in mind, the healthy fund balance presents a valuable opportunity to enhance the program. By making the VAF more accessible and responsive, we can reach more veterans in need and provide the responsive support necessary to assist them on their journey to self-sufficiency.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Establish a Kitsap County Veterans Resource Center.** Unlike other counties in Washington State, Kitsap County does not have a place for veterans to seek assistance that can deliver a wide variety of services or information. Veteran Service organizations do offer veterans assistance when they are open but the knowledge base of organization members is typically limited. Since the Veterans Administration started restricting claims assistance to those who are “accredited” local service organizations have lost members who have delivered information and claims services.

Moving in partnership with Olympic College the Veterans Advisory Board is interested in establishing a Veteran Resource Center in available spaces that may become vacant in the future as current tenants relocate. A pilot project to test the idea has been proposed by the college and accepted by the Veterans Program Coordinator to occupy an office space in the Military and Veterans Program area that will offer students and non-students alike the opportunity to seek information from the volunteer VAB representative. Services offered in the office might include:

- Referrals for claims assistance.
- Reviewing housing options with referrals to program administrators in the community who may be able to assist.
- Guiding individuals to programs in the county that can assist with housing, utilities, and help with obtaining food.

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- Provide an instrument such as a debit card to those who require immediate help with fuel and food.
 - Maintain a robust inventory of information brochures about benefits.
 - Using computers, help veterans file applications for services.
 - Offer space to VA accredited Veteran Service Officers to conduct periodic “claims clinics.”
 - Provide office hours for the Veterans Assistance Fund Administrator who can meet with clients in a Bremerton location.
 - Employ and locate a Kitsap County Veteran Service Officer at the Veteran Resource Center. This individual would be fully trained and qualified to file disability compensation claims with the Veterans Administration on behalf of veterans. A priority would be given to indigent and homeless veterans.
- 2. Increase Veteran Assistance Fund Awards.** The \$2,500 dollars allowed by the VAF policies and procedures guidelines is becoming insufficient to work with veterans who are threatened by eviction or foreclosure. As rent has increased over time so has security deposits and other associated expenses. Motel expenses are significantly higher today than the previous year so waivers have been issued to keep people housed. During 2024 almost all rent issues have been resolved by approving waivers to the policies and procedures in order to avoid eviction and the likelihood of spending more to relocate a family. The cost of goods and services have increased so much that the VAF as currently constructed.

The Veterans Advisory Board will be advised of this situation with a recommendation that they consider recommending an annual allowable award of \$3,500 dollars per veteran per year for two consecutive years before sitting out a year.

- 3. Increase the Federal Poverty Level Threshold from 175% to 200% for VAF clients.** This will align more closely align with eligibility thresholds of other state and county programs that rely on Average Median Income as criteria for eligibility. Inflation has outpaced COLA increases which are based in part on economic components that are not included in the consumer price index. Those on fixed incomes are hit the hardest because they have no way of increasing their incomes. Such a change would make more veterans eligible to use the fund.
- 4. Develop a program to issue VAF funded debit cards at KCR and participating Veteran Organizations.** Currently, the VAF does not have a mechanism in place to offer immediate assistance to those in need. To access the fund an application must be completed with supporting documents assembled to support individual requests. The application is reviewed by the fund administrator then if approved, vouchers are issued to creditors to cover the veteran needs. The process can take days or longer to complete. Vouchers sent to creditors are delayed about two weeks after approval.

Veterans seeking assistance from Veteran Service Organizations who often supported through the generosity of veterans who are at the post who take out their wallets and make on-the-spot donations.

I think we can do better to support the veteran service organizations and veterans with VAF funds in a different way to augment the current system. I am working with Kitsap

Attachment C

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Community Resources to develop a process that would allow our VAF Administrator to distribute KCR purchased “debit” cards to veteran service organizations that are able to cover food and fuel at selected locations. An exact amount has yet to be determined but considering the prices of gas and food we are estimating that something in the 100 dollar range is appropriate. Accountability processes and documents are being developed. If approved, this initiative would be able to offer immediate assistance until a VAF application for the individual is fully developed and vetted.

**MINUTES OF THE
KITSAP COUNTY VETERAN'S ADVISORY BOARD
May 8, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was conducted via Zoom and called to order by Mark Lowe at 5:38 PM.

Announcements: The Chair, Jayme DeGooyer, read the required on-line announcement covering the conduct of voting members and guests during the meeting.

Introductions: Mark Lowe led introductions of board members and other attendees.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed by all members. A motion was made by Peggy and seconded by Bill to approve the May agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of minutes: The April 2024, minutes were reviewed by members. A motion was made by Peggy and seconded by Matt to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Speakers: No special speaker.

Reports.

- a. Joel Burkhardt, KCR Veterans Assistance Fund Administrator, provided an in depth review of VAF expenditures. No trends were noted. He answered several questions from board members about processes used to award benefits.
- b. Committee Reports.
 - **Aging Veterans Services.** VFW riders group held a BBQ at the Retsil Veterans Home for the residents of Building 10, transitional housing. It was noted by Matt Shillingburg that the commissary at building 10 could use some assistance. KAVA will be approached to see if they can support the need.
 - **Housing and Homelessness.** No report.
 - **Public Affairs and Social Media.** Brian Davis reported participation by many individuals led to 35 Facebook contributions, many of which were related to the Stand Down.
 - **Special Event Support.** VAB members were invited to attend the Run To Tahoma event. Planning is progressing well. The remains will be transferred from the Coroner's Office to the Kitsap County Administration building at 1300 on Friday, May 24th. Upon arrival at the admin building the remains of the unclaimed veterans will be laid in state in the Admin Building. Name plates of the unclaimed will be installed on the memorial wall as well. The ceremony on Saturday will begin promptly at 10am and then the cremains will be carried to Tahoma for a 1:00pm interment and honors. There is room in the car for Board Members who may want to attend the ceremony at Tahoma. See Jayme if you are interested. VAB members were encouraged to attend the ceremony.
 - **Veteran Education.** Nothing to report.
 - **Veteran Health Care.** Nothing to report.
 - **Veteran Mental Health Plans and Programs.** Rick Raymond announced that our state legislators are proposing that 10 September be designated as a day for Veteran Suicide Awareness. There is a suicide awareness walk scheduled for 9/14.
 - **Veterans Garden.** Andrew Magallanez reported plantings are growing with starters, tomatoes, peppers, strawberries, peas, and corn all doing well. Andrew asked to help with

the garden as there is much to do. Andrew explained that he is usually at the plot each day at 7pm. VAB members are asked to support the garden by helping Andrew as work parties are scheduled.

- **Veteran Employment and Employment Opportunities.** Bill Martin announced that there are a number of job fairs in the area including fairs at Olympic College. Bill’s Vet Tribe events are attracting employers as well as potential employees as a way of making employment connections.
- **Women’s Resource Group.** Nothing to report this month.
- **Veteran Court Mentorship.** Andrew reported that he attended veterans’ court. As relationships develop there has been more interaction with justice involved veterans. He suggested putting out a call for representatives from other veteran service organizations and active duty members to be involved as a mentor.

Old Business –

- a. Review Stand Down success – 105 veterans were registered at the 27 April Stand Down. This was the best attended event since restarting in-person events after COVID. More data about the attendance will be available in June.
- b. Review preparation for Run to Tahoma and volunteer assistance. Mark reported planning is going well.
- c. Review 2024 Work Plan progress. Matt Shillingburg reported on efforts to establish a Veteran Resource Center in Kitsap County. He commented that he attended a meeting with Olympic College senior leaders, Tatiane Simons, and Rick Becker. The meeting was coordinated by Tatiane. During the meeting a preliminary scope of services was presented, and discussions surrounded the space necessary to accommodate the functions. OC leaders are in the midst of reviewing space allocations throughout the college so no commitments could be made but they expressed overwhelming enthusiasm and support for the concept. Rick and Tatiane will work on the scope of services to provide better clarity. They will meet after Rick’s return from vacation at the end of the month.

New Business – No new business.

- a. Peggy will attend a Pierce County veterans resource fair which will be held on June 1st at the Tacoma Dome.
- b. The first KAVA meeting after the Stand Down will be held on June 6th.when the group will discuss the April Stand Down and evaluate lessons learned. Jayme and/or Matt will attend.

Good of the Order/Announcements:

- a. May 22nd, Bainbridge Island Students are celebrating Memorial Day. Ron will represent the VAB.
- b. June 19th, at 6pm a fundraiser will be held at the 19th Hole in Chico . Proceeds will go to KAVA. VAB members are encouraged to attend.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Next meeting: The next public Veterans Advisory Board meeting will be Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 5:30 pm. This meeting will be held at Olympic College, Building 4, Room 129 and will also be available through Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Task Tracker			
Date	Name	Task and Goal for Completion	Progress

ATTENDANCE		
MEMBERS	GUESTS	STAFF
<u>Present</u> Jayme DeGooyer (I) Richard Raymond (I) Tatiane Simons (I) Mark Lowe (I) Samantha D'Anella (I) Jack Cahoon (I) Jason Reis (I) Brian Davis (Z) Andrew Magallanez (I) Ron Valencia (I) Branden Davis I Dan Piper (I) Bill Martin (I) Peggy Roy (I) Matt Shillingburg (I) <u>Absent / Excused</u> Harry Gilger (E) Carlos Trujillo (E)	Joel Burkhardt, KCR (I)	Sonya Miles (Z)
Note: (I) = In-Person (Z) = Zoom (E) = Excused		

2024 Veterans Relief Fund Budget

As of May 31, 2024

Account #	Account Title	Budget	Year to Date	Percent	Balance
	Beginning Fund Balance	-	658,000.00		
Current Revenue					
3110.10	Real & Personal Property	800,000.00	438,254.56	54.8%	361,745.44
3610.11	Investment Interest	2,000.00	1,192.47	59.6%	807.53
3000	Other Revenue	2,700.00	671.95	24.9%	2,028.05
	Revenue total	804,700.00	440,118.98	54.7%	364,581.02
	Budget total	804,700.00			
County Staff Charges					
5101	Regular Salaries	46,388.00	17,768.00	38.3%	28,620.00
5201	Industrial Insurance	555.00	187.11	33.7%	367.89
5202	Social Security	3,549.00	1,349.53	38.0%	2,199.47
5203	PERS Retirement	4,305.00	1,693.30	39.3%	2,611.70
5209	WA State Family Leave	101.00	37.49	37.1%	63.51
5229	Benefit Bucket	7,245.00	3,018.75	41.7%	4,226.25
5311	Office Supplies	1,000.00	-	0.0%	1,000.00
5352	Computer Software	500.00	-	0.0%	500.00
5422	Cellular Telephone	-	212.48	0.0%	(212.48)
5425	Postage	150.00	-	0.0%	150.00
5431	Mileage	500.00	-	0.0%	500.00
5432	Travel	-	-	0.0%	-
5451	Operating Rentals	1,500.00	251.53	16.8%	1,248.47
5452	Cloud Service Subscriptions	-	106.38	100.0%	(106.38)
5497	Registration & Tuition	-	106.86	100.0%	(106.86)
5492	Other Miscellaneous	-	-	0.0%	-
Contracted Services					
5415	Management Consulting	-	-	0.0%	-
	KCR	646,410.00	65,991.49	10.2%	580,418.51
	NW Justice League	60,000.00	22,400.00	37.3%	37,600.00
Standdown					
5413	Medical/Dental	4,000.00	-	0.0%	4,000.00
5441	Advertising	2,000.00	439.00	22.0%	1,561.00
5451	Operating Rentals	-	425.00	100.0%	(425.00)
5499	Other Miscellaneous	15,762.00	-	0.0%	15,762.00
County Charges					
5912	I/F IS Service Charges	3,319.00	1,382.90	41.7%	1,936.10
5913	I/F IS Program Maintenance	1,542.00	642.50	41.7%	899.50
5922	I/F IS Projects	304.00	126.65	41.7%	177.35
5996	Indirect Cost Allocation	5,570.00	2,785.00	50.0%	2,785.00
	Expense total	804,700.00	118,923.97	14.8%	685,776.03
	Estimated ending Fund Balance	-	658,000.00		
	Budget total	804,700.00			

Veterans Assistance Fund 2024

Monthly Report: May 2024

Submitted by: Joel Burkhardt

Activity	May	YTD
Total Applicants	17	80
Total # of New Applicants	4	21
Applications Accepted	17	77
Applications Denied	0	4
General Discharges	0	0
Total Unduplicated	18	79
Total Payout	\$20,049.98	\$86,966.89
Applications in process	15	

Activity	Amount	Services Delivered
Appliances	\$0.00	0
Auto Repair	\$1226.20	1
Burial	\$0.00	0
Bus Pass	\$0.00	0
Bus Ticket Home	\$0.00	0
Clothing	\$200.00	1
Dental	\$0.00	0
Eviction Prevention	\$9433.00	3
Food, Hygiene, & Cleaning supplies	\$1089.41	5
Gasoline	\$467.40	6
Heating Oil	\$0.00	0
Motel	\$468.16	2
Medical	\$0.00	0
Natural Gas	\$0.00	0
Occupation Certification	\$0.00	0
Phone	\$660.41	1
Propane	\$356.24	1
PSE	\$5065.76	5
Rent	\$293.00	1
Water & Sewer	\$231.59	1
Union Dues	\$0.00	0
Waste Management	\$87.37	1
Wood for Heat/ Pellets	\$0.00	0
Misc.	\$471.44	1
Total Payout	\$20,049.98	Total 25

Demographics	May	YTD
Veteran	17	72
Dependent	0	3
Widow	1	6
Gender		
Male	15	65
Female	3	15
Other Gender	0	1
Age		
30 yrs. old and under	1	2
31 to 60 yrs. old	10	37
60 yrs. old and over	7	41
Ethnicity		
Hispanic or Latino	0	1
Non-Hispanic or Latino	18	80
Race		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2	3
Asian	0	2
Black or African American	4	23
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	1
White	12	51
Other Race	0	1
Multi Race (2 or more of the above)	0	0

May Program Highlights

- Conducted jail visit and met with 3 inmates that may need future services.
- WEX internship began May 1st, Liz LeClair works Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1000hrs to 1500hrs. Thus far Liz has been assisting with files and related paperwork.

Of those that were served out of the Assistance Fund, some were given information on other KCR programs.

KCR \$ value of referrals –\$1000

KCR \$ value of referrals YTD (January 2024 – Present) \$4900.00

Applications Denied: 0

Referrals

All clients are given referrals to community services including KCR.

Of those Veterans served out of the assistance fund, all were referred to other programs and given resources outside of KCR:

Clark VAF	0
Ocean County VAF	0
King County VAF	0
Mason County VAF	2
Pierce County VAF	1
Food Banks/Free Meal Site	2
Salvation Army/St. Vincent de Paul/DSHS	0
Employment Resources/Work Source	2
WDVA/Building 10	0
Legal Resources/Northwest Justice Project	1
SSVF (Supportive Services for Veterans and Families	0
Educational resources	0
Anger Management Resources	0

\$ Value of Referrals outside of KCR – \$1000.00

\$ Value of Referrals YTD (January 2024-Present) – \$4200.00

17-phone calls fielded seeking information outside of assistance fund

May Breakdown:

Jail Contacts –3

YTD (January 2024-Present) – 8 individuals

Clean and Sober Housing – 0

YTD (January 2024-Present) –0

Eviction Relief Funding (Rental Assistance line item from VAP Budget contract) – \$9433.00

(included in above total)

YTD (January 2024-Present \$28,195.30

Kitsap County Veterans Assistance Program - Summary of Direct Emergency Assistance During 2024

Total Direct Service Budget 2023 - \$553,098

Activity	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Total 2024
Appliances	\$ -		\$899.58										\$ 899.58
Auto Repair	\$ 300.74		\$988.85	\$ 2,763.03	\$ 1,226.20								\$ 5,278.82
Burial	\$ -	\$ 700.00	\$1,500.00										\$ 2,200.00
Bus Pass	\$ -												\$ -
Bus Ticket Home	\$ -												\$ -
Clean & Sober Housing	\$ -												\$ -
Clothing	\$ -	\$ 300.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00								\$ 700.00
Dental	\$ -												\$ -
Eviction Relief Funding	\$ 3,575.00		\$9,561.30	\$ 5,626.00	\$ 9,433.00								\$ 28,195.30
Food	\$ 203.80		\$876.61	\$ 323.40	\$ 1,089.41								\$ 2,493.22
Gasoline	\$ 332.14	\$ 90.44	\$310.84	\$ 444.86	\$ 467.40								\$ 1,645.68
Heating Oil	\$ -		\$312.15										\$ 312.15
Misc.	\$ 465.14	\$ 1,859.03	\$2,195.80	\$ 1,988.81	\$ 471.44								\$ 6,980.22
Motel	\$ -		\$1,384.49	\$ 4,266.67	\$ 468.16								\$ 6,119.32
Medical	\$ 70.00			\$ 647.84									\$ 717.84
Natural Gas	\$ -	\$ 179.67	\$335.82										\$ 515.49
Occupation Certification	\$ -			\$ 60.00									\$ 60.00
Phone	\$ 117.92		\$681.06		\$ 660.41								\$ 1,459.39
Propane	\$ -	\$ 297.28	\$328.40	\$ 356.24	\$ 356.24								\$ 1,338.16
PSE	\$ 1,613.34	\$ 108.89	\$3,017.97	\$ 1,975.87	\$ 5,065.76								\$ 11,781.83
Rent	\$ 2,525.00	\$ 1,359.00	\$4,060.00	\$ 6,350.67	\$ 293.00								\$ 14,587.67
Sewer	\$ -	\$ 139.04	\$552.74		\$ 231.59								\$ 923.37
Union Dues	\$ -												\$ -
Waste Management	\$ -			\$ 267.82	\$ 87.37								\$ 355.19
Water	\$ 209.52		\$ 127.22	\$ 66.92									\$ 403.66
Wood for Heat/Pellets	\$ -												\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 9,412.60	\$ 5,033.35	\$ 27,132.83	\$ 25,338.13	\$ 20,049.98	\$ 466,131.11	\$ 466,131.11	\$ 466,131.11	\$ 466,131.11	\$ 466,131.11	\$ 466,131.11	\$ 466,131.11	\$ 86,966.89
Balance	\$ 543,685.40	\$ 538,652.05	\$ 511,519.22	\$ 486,181.09	\$ 466,131.11	\$ 466,131.11	\$ 466,131.11	\$ 466,131.11	\$ 466,131.11	\$ 466,131.11	\$ 466,131.11	\$ 466,131.11	\$ -

Demographics	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Total 2024
Veteran	12	7	16	20	17								
Dependent	0	0	1	2	0								
Widow	0	2	2	1	1								
Gender													
Male	12	6	16	16	15								
Female	0	3	3	6	3								
Other Gender	0	0	0	1	0								
Age													
30 yrs. old and under	1	0	0	1	1								
31 to 60 yrs. old	2	3	9	16	10								
60 yrs. old and over	9	6	10	9	7								
Ethnicity													
Hispanic or Latino	1	0	0	0	0								
Non-Hispanic or Latino	11	9	19	23	18								
Race													
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0	0	1	2								
Asian	0	0	1	1	0								
Black or African American	3	3	8	5	4								
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	1	0	0								
White	9	6	8	16	12								
Other Race	0	0	1	0	0								
Multi Race (2 or more of the above)	0	0	0	0	0								

2024 Applications Per month	\$ 15	\$ 12	\$ 19	\$ 18	\$ 17														81
2024 New Clients served YTD	\$ 3	\$ 4	\$ 6	\$ 4	\$ 4														21
2024 Clients denied	\$ 3	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ -														5
2024 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)	\$ 10	\$ 9	\$ 19	\$ 23	\$ 18														79
2023 Applications Per month	9	15	36	34	37	26	6	36	27	17	20							301	
2023 New Clients served YTD	0	2	6	6	4	5	8	0	2	13	8							62	
2023 Clients denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4							10	
2023 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)	9	15	36	9	28	10	5	17	14	16	11							179	
2022 Applications Per month	52	40	30	48	49	31	55	53	40	38	45							517	
2022 New Clients served YTD	4	3	3	10	10	4	7	10	5	5	2							68	
2022 Clients denied	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0							3	
2022 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)	52	19	12	17	28	6	19	22	8	5	6							204	
2021 Applications Per month	50	40	48	43	41	49	51	51	56	57								535	
2021 New Clients served YTD	5	5	3	3	0	4	5	3	5	6								48	
2021 Clients denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	
2021 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)	50	24	19	14	8	12	15	15	13	9	6							185	
2020 Applications Per month	50	42	31	33	37	45	36	55	55	43	60							540	
2020 New Clients served YTD	8	6	5	6	6	9	4	3	6	5	8							69	
2020 Clients denied	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0							2	
2020 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)	50	22	17	19	16	16	15	8	12	16	9							208	
2019 Applications Per month	57	39	51	67	58	44	58	48	41	63	44							613	
2019 New Clients served YTD	7	8	7	9	8	7	10	4	4	11	5							85	
2019 Clients denied	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0							4	
2019 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)	56	20	22	31	24	18	21	11	15	18	7							256	
2018 Applications Per month	41	29	34	38	42	42	43	33	40	37	40							419	
2018 New Clients served YTD	7	4	2	5	5	4	5	8	8	9	7							61	
2018 Clients denied	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0							3	
2018 Total Clients Served (unduplicated #)	41	16	17	11	18	15	18	11	12	17	22							198	
2017 Applications Per month	37	30	49	43	36	48	55	38	38	49	48							528	
2017 New Clients served YTD	8	8	7	12	8	8	13	15	10	10	7							110	
2017 Clients denied	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	1	1	3	2							15	
2017 Total Clients Served	37	29	48	41	36	46	48	37	46	46	45							513	
2016 Applications per month	36	45	37	36	36	41	50	40	33	37	35							458	
2016 New Clients served YTD	10	14	7	5	5	10	13	10	9	7	9							101	
2015 Applications per month	38	35	46	45	39	22	48	41	42	34	40							472	
2015 New Clients served YTD	11	13	19	12	8	5	14	14	10	10	13							144	