



2022 IN REVIEW

KING COUNTY DISTRICT 1 SELECT INVESTMENTS

This autumn I was busy serving on the Council's Budget Leadership Team (BLT). The BLT consists of four Councilmembers and we were tasked with reviewing and revising the County Executive's proposed 2023-2024 biennial budget. I'm proud of the work we did to adopt a budget that reflects our values and priorities: safer communities, housing our unsheltered neighbors, protecting our environment, and responding to the needs of those most impacted by COVID. The budget is balanced, protects our financial reserves, and helps ensure we maintain our top-tier bond rating, which saves taxpayer dollars. This District 1 map illustrates some of the investments in this year's budget as well as other recent county grants. Learn more at: [KingCounty.gov/Dembowski](https://www.kingcounty.gov/Dembowski).

PUBLIC SAFETY

The budget includes over \$55 million in efforts to reduce gun violence, purchase body-worn cameras for Sheriff's deputies, create pathways away from jail for youth, and much more. Specific investments in our district include:

1. \$1.2M for the North Sound RADAR program which pairs behavioral health professionals with police officers to help those in crisis.
2. \$100K for returning firearms or ammo at King County Sheriff's Offices.

DISTRICT GRANTS

In this budget, we were able to make nearly \$25 million in new capital investments for community partners.

Local projects include:

3. \$750K to Northshore Parks and Recreation Service Area for capital expenses to help build a future youth recreation facility in North King County.

4. \$350K to Sail Sand Point in Magnuson Park for a capital project.
5. \$75K to ShoreLake Arts for a future home for the arts in North King County coupled with affordable artist housing.
6. \$800K to Refugee Artisan Initiative for the nonprofit to acquire a permanent home in the heart of Lake City. Funding for this project was secured in late 2021.
7. \$1M to the Children's Home Society for capital expenses to expand the North Seattle Family Resource Center in Lake City.

TRAILS, OPEN SPACE, PARKS & POOLS

This year the Parks, Trails, and Open Space Levy and the Conservation Futures Tax levy awards combined with some dollars in the 23-24 biennial budget benefit the following projects:

8. \$4.6M to purchase land adjacent to Big Finn Hill Park that will conserve natural conditions near Denny Creek, extend passive recreational opportunities, and prevent development. This is a multi-year project in partnership with the City of Kirkland.
9. \$1.8M for critical updates at Juanita High School Aquatics Center.
10. \$200K to North County Cities for swimming pool feasibility studies.
11. \$1.5M to acquire the historic Ching Community Garden in Shoreline as a community garden and open space.
12. \$3.8M for the City of Shoreline to purchase land expanding Rotary Park.
13. \$2M for the City of Shoreline to purchase and preserve a forested parcel near the Shoreline Park and Ride.

TRANSIT, TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

Our investments in the 23-24 biennial budget serve multiple purposes, whether in environmental stewardship by investing in a zero emissions fleet or ensuring transit riders and employees are safe on our buses. Some investments specific to our district include:

14. Installation, operation and maintenance of a public restroom at the Aurora Village Transit Center.
15. \$1M for community ambassadors to work with community stakeholders at select transit locations including Aurora Village Transit Center to help increase safety, security and cleanliness.
16. \$185K for flood prevention, habitat restoration, and fish passage improvements for projects in the City of Bothell.

HOUSING, HUMAN SERVICES & SENIORS

The 23-24 biennial budget makes significant countywide investments in affordable housing, supportive housing operations, rental assistance, and coordinated response to people facing homelessness. Specific District 1 investments in the biennial budget include:

17. \$11.5M to create a behavioral health crisis stabilization center for North King County.
18. \$500K for the Learning Center North at Shoreline Community College to create a pipeline for youth to get to and through post-secondary education.
19. \$7.6M for affordable housing at Northgate.



Rod with staff and volunteers at Refugee Artisan Initiative.

