

Human Services Element – Existing Goals and Policies

Existing adopted Goals and Policies without corresponding descriptive text. The full text of the adopted Human Services Element in the Comprehensive Plan can be accessed online.¹

Goal HS-1: Support diversity in City government and in the community by encouraging awareness, acknowledgment and sensitivity, and by being inclusive of Kirkland's entire populace.

Policy HS-1.1:

Engage the diverse populations within Kirkland to create an inclusive community.

Goal HS-2: Foster a City government and a community free of discrimination and committed to justice and social equity.

Policy HS-2.1:

Work to achieve a community where everyone is treated with respect and given equitable access to resources.

Goal HS-3: Build a community in which families, neighbors, schools, and organizations all work together to help young people become engaged, competent and responsible members of the community.

Policy HS-3.1:

Maintain and support the Kirkland Youth Council.

Policy HS-3.2:

Coordinate with the Kirkland Teen Union Building to provide a safe place for youth and provide recreational/educational activities and social programming.

Policy HS-3.3:

Provide connections between Kirkland youth and their community by partnering with the City, school district, and local youth-serving organizations.

Policy HS-3.4:

Provide access to information and services for Kirkland youth.

Policy HS-3.5:

Promote healthy lifestyles.

¹ <https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/Kirkland/html/KirklandCP12B/KirklandCP12B.html>

Policy HS-3.6:

Establish positive relationships between youth and Kirkland Police.

Policy HS-3.7:

Support programs working to lower youth violence, substance abuse, depression and suicide in the community.

Goal HS-4: Maintain and improve the quality of life for Kirkland residents 50 years and older.

Policy HS-4.1:

Maintain and support the Senior Council.

Policy HS-4.2:

Provide opportunities for residents 50 years and older to be active, connected, and engaged in the community.

Policy HS-4.3:

Provide access to information, resources, services, and programs for older adults.

Policy HS-4.4:

Maintain a safe environment for older adults in the community.

Policy HS-4.5:

Encourage affordable and appropriately designed older adult housing.

Goal HS-5: Create a community in which all members have the ability to meet their basic physical, economic and social needs, and the opportunity to enhance their quality of life.

Policy HS-5.1:

Regularly assess local human service needs, and provide leadership in the development of services to address newly identified needs.

Policy HS-5.2

Promote community awareness of human service needs, the resources available to meet those needs, and the gaps in services.

Policy HS-5.3:

Provide funding for local nonprofit organizations serving the needs of Kirkland residents.

Policy HS-5.4:

Maintain and support a Human Services Advisory Committee.

Policy HS-5.5:

Commit Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) to affordable housing and house repairs for low- and moderate-income residents.

Policy HS-5.6:

Participate and provide leadership in local and regional human service efforts.

Policy HS-5.7:

Encourage the development of partnerships among the City, schools, human services providers and others, to address the needs of children and families within the school setting.

Policy HS-5.8:

Ensure human service programs are available and financially accessible.

Policy HS-5.9:

Prior to adoption, consider impacts to human services of any proposed legislation, including City codes and regulations.

Policy HS-5.10:

Administer community donation programs.

Goal HS-6: Encourage human service organizations to make their services physically accessible to all.

Policy HS-6.1:

Encourage services to become accessible to all in the community by removing any barriers, including but not limited to architectural, cultural, language, communication, and location.

Policy HS-6.2:

Coordinate with human services organizations to locate facilities near commercial centers where transit and non-motorized facilities exist.
