

MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks & Community Services

DATE: January 5, 2026

TO: Human Services Commission Members

FROM: Craig A. Fritz – Probation Manager, Probation Services Division

SUBJECT: Probation Services Division and Community Court Presentation
For information only - no Board action requested

Probation Services Division

The Parks & Community Services Department operates with a holistic services philosophy, providing services that support the community and the whole person. As an extension of that philosophy, the Probation Services Division subscribes to the ideal that every community member has a place, providing interventions and services at what is often a low point in their lives.

The Probation Services Division accepts adult misdemeanor referrals from the King County District Court's Bellevue Division for the monitoring and tracking of court-ordered obligations. The division's probation officers and program coordinators conduct in-depth assessments, determine areas of need and, within guidelines set by the courts, provide resources to individuals for appropriate programs and services that address these needs. The Probation Services Division treats all those we have the opportunity to serve with dignity, fairness, and respect in an accessible, culturally competent, and inclusive environment that is conducive to change, development, and growth.

Through both a General Administrate Order (GAO) and an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with King County, the division received more than 1,650 client referrals in 2025 alone. Services and supervisions provided may include active probation, compliance monitoring, electronic home monitoring, robust programming, work crew, or a combination of two or more of those listed. The Probation Services Division focuses on a spectrum of services designed to move individuals out of a place of crisis and into a place of safety and stability, improving safety for the entire community.

Community Court

On July 15, 2025, the City of Bellevue, in partnership with the King County District Court and the King County Library System, successfully launched its first ever Community Court. This launch reflects a truly cross-departmental effort within the city, with key partners including the Probation Services Division of the Parks & Community Services Department, the Bellevue Police Department, the City Attorney's Office, the city's homelessness outreach team in the Office of Housing, and the City Manager's Office. The court is operated by King County District Court and city departments play a supporting role. The program provides participants an opportunity to address underlying issues contributing to their involvement in the justice system through connection to community-based resources and supportive services. Since its inception, multiple participants have successfully completed and graduated from the program, demonstrating early success in fostering accountability and positive change. Alongside the court's launch, the city also introduced the Community Resource Center, a welcoming hub offering access to vital services and support for all members of the community. As a result, many individuals have successfully gained access to food, healthcare, housing, insurance, programming, transportation, and other essential resources, further reinforcing Bellevue's commitments to collaboration, community well-being, equity, and inclusion.