

# MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &  
Community Services

DATE: May 5, 2025

TO: Human Services Commission Members

FROM: Donna Adair, Human Services Planner  
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SUBJECT: Home Repair Program Presentation & Overview with Panel Discussion

## Background

The City of Bellevue's Home Repair Program is a direct service provided by the Human Services Division in Parks & Community Services. The program originated in 1978 and is funded with Community Development Block Grant funds and Program Income received from home repair loan payoffs.

For decades the City has contracted and partnered with King County Housing Authority (KCHA) to provide coordination and oversight of home repair projects in Bellevue. The Home Repair Program provides critical health and safety repairs to Bellevue households who are low-and moderate-income, enabling homeowners to maintain the integrity and safety of their homes with repairs and maintenance services they would otherwise not be able to afford. This enables Bellevue residents to stay in their homes long term and increases Bellevue's affordable housing while maintaining the older housing stock.

Bellevue, KCHA and Habitat for Humanity staff will present an overview of the Home Repair Programs and critical partnerships. The presentation will include a few homeowners who will be sharing their experiences.

Following the presentation a brief panel discussion will be held providing the commissioners with an opportunity to engage with the service providers.

**Kym Poetter, Construction Coordinator for King County Housing Authority**, works extensively with low- and moderate-income homeowners in Bellevue and King County overseeing Bellevue's Home Repairs and King County's Weatherization Program.

**Jessica Schell, Repair Project Manager at Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King and Kittitas Counties**, oversees Habitat's work in Bellevue and will present on their partnership with Bellevue and KCHA and provide information on the Capable Program.