

The City of Redmond contracted with Hopelink to serve remaining Redmond households who were not served by King County’s Eviction Prevention Rental Assistance Program (EPRAP) at the time of the program’s closure. Hopelink submitted the following summary report. All funds under this contract have been fully committed/expended.

Hopelink Client Report

Data/Demographics

Unique Client & Household Counts

Clients	175	
Households	57	

Category/Values		Count
Gender		
Female		105
Male		70
Ethnicity		
Not Hispanic/Latino		110
Hispanic/Latino		64
Client Refused		1
Race		
American Indian or Alaskan Native		2
Asian		21
Black or African American		31
Client Doesn't Know		11
Client Refused		10
Multi-Racial		13
White		87
Limited English		
No		164
Yes		11
Veteran Status		

No		173
Yes		2
Disabled		
Client Doesn't Know		1
Client Refused		2
No		149
Yes		23
Housing Status		
Client Doesn't Know		1
Imminently Losing Housing		31
Stable		52
Unstable		94
Family Type		
Multigenerational Household		47
Other		5
Single Parent Female		52
Single Person Household		17
Two Adults		8
Two Parent Household		46

Average Assistance (as of July 30, 2022)

\$4917.89 per Redmond Household Served

Summary

Hopelink provides financial assistance to the North and East King County areas. Our financial assistance can include rent, move-in and flexible financial assistance for items such as utilities, medical bills, car repair, etc.

We reached out to the EPRAP waitlisted clients as a reserved list of clients to serve. We have Hopelink funding, including general human services funding, Hopelink raised dollars, and partnership funds made available to clients selected through a randomized draw process from our waitlist. We continue to get far more requests for financial assistance than staff capacity and funding will allow to serve.

The total number of households Hopelink served in 2022 (Jan – Aug) was 730 which is an average of 92 households per month. Of these overall averages, our Redmond Center served a total of 148 Redmond clients. 58 of these clients were served with Redmond COVID funding. Hopelink's overall financial assistance requests have increased by 62%. The Redmond center has seen an 35% increase in financial assistance requests between January and August.

Our Specialists continue to work on the EPRAP waitlisted individuals for Redmond COVID funding. We have 8 clients from the EPRAP waitlist pending some additional paperwork steps before approval.

We have started to track measurable metrics for clients requesting financial assistance due to rent increases, move-in costs, and eviction notices. Anecdotally our specialists hear it referenced often, but we do not have meaningful numbers to put to the anecdote. We do feel it is a large driver of requests. We continue to see the greatest driver of need simply being the cost of housing, COVID impacts, excessive medical expenses, job loss, domestic violence, and other large, unexpected expenses.