

Overview: Medic One/EMS Levy



Current 6-year Medic One/EMS levy expires December 31, 2025



Hosted a regional 8-month process rooted in partnerships and consensus-building



Developed recommendations for Strategic Plan and finance plan (levy) for King County voters to renew in 2025



Next step: Legislative approval process

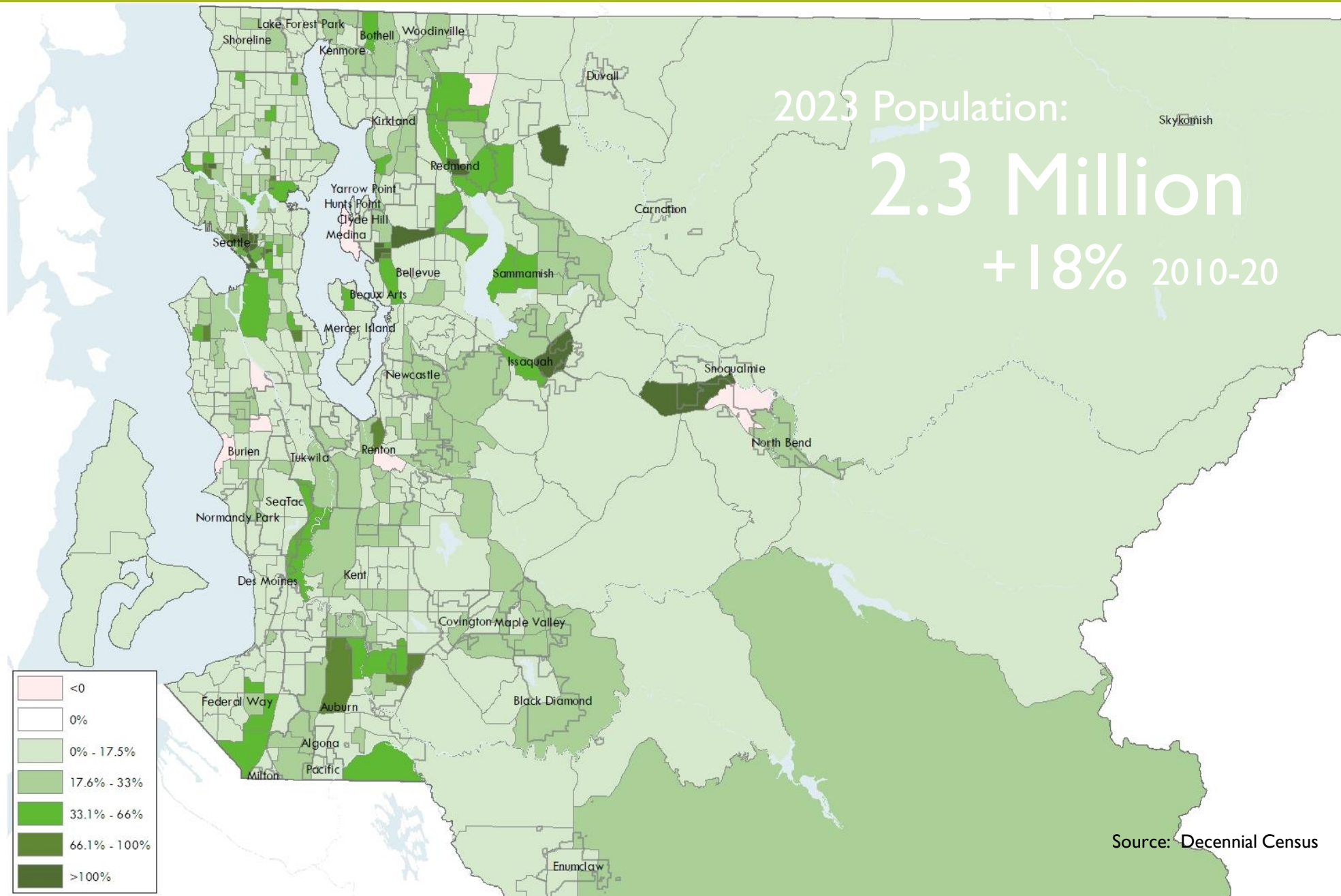
Any time you call 9-1-1 for a medical emergency, you are using the Medic One/EMS system.

- Serves over **2.3 million people** and responds on average **every 2 minutes**.
- Responded to over **255,000 calls** in 2024.
- Survival rate for cardiac arrest was **51%** in 2023.
- Cardiac arrest patients are **2 to 3 times more likely to survive** here compared to other cities.

Why does our system work so well?

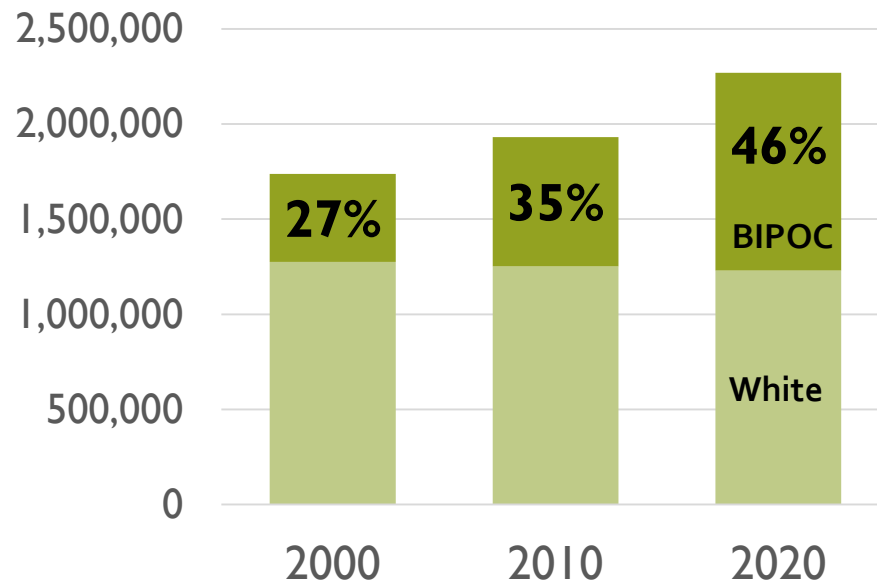
Achieve excellent outcomes because of the unique configuration of our system. It includes the following key components:

- Regional system based on partnerships.
- Uses a tiered response model founded on medicine and science.
- Equity-driven and committed to providing high-quality care.
- Uses innovative strategies to obtain superior medical outcomes and continually improve.
- Funded by an EMS levy which has proven to be reliable and stable.

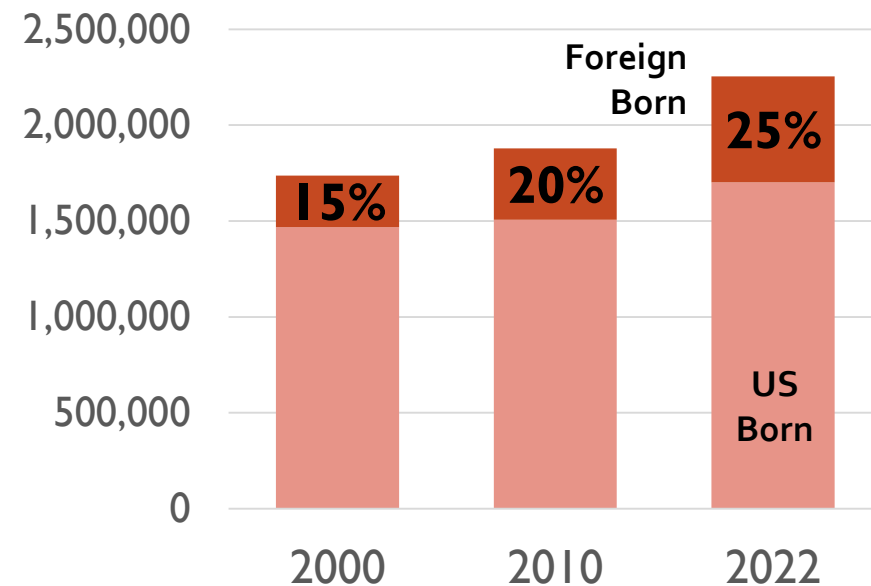


Increasing Diversity

100% of net population growth 2010-20
was in Communities of Color,
particularly Asian, Hispanic, and
Multiracial communities



King County Residents born outside
the US increased 48% 2010-22



Strategic Planning Process:

EMS Advisory Task Force

Governing body: **20 elected officials** and decision-makers:

- Representatives:
 - Cities with 50,000+ in population (11)
 - Sound Cities Assn (3)
 - Fire Commissioners (3)
 - King County Council (2)
- Chaired by KC Executive Office (1)
- Four Subcommittees (chaired by a TF member):
ALS, BLS, Regional Services, and Finance

2020-2025 EMS Levy Facts

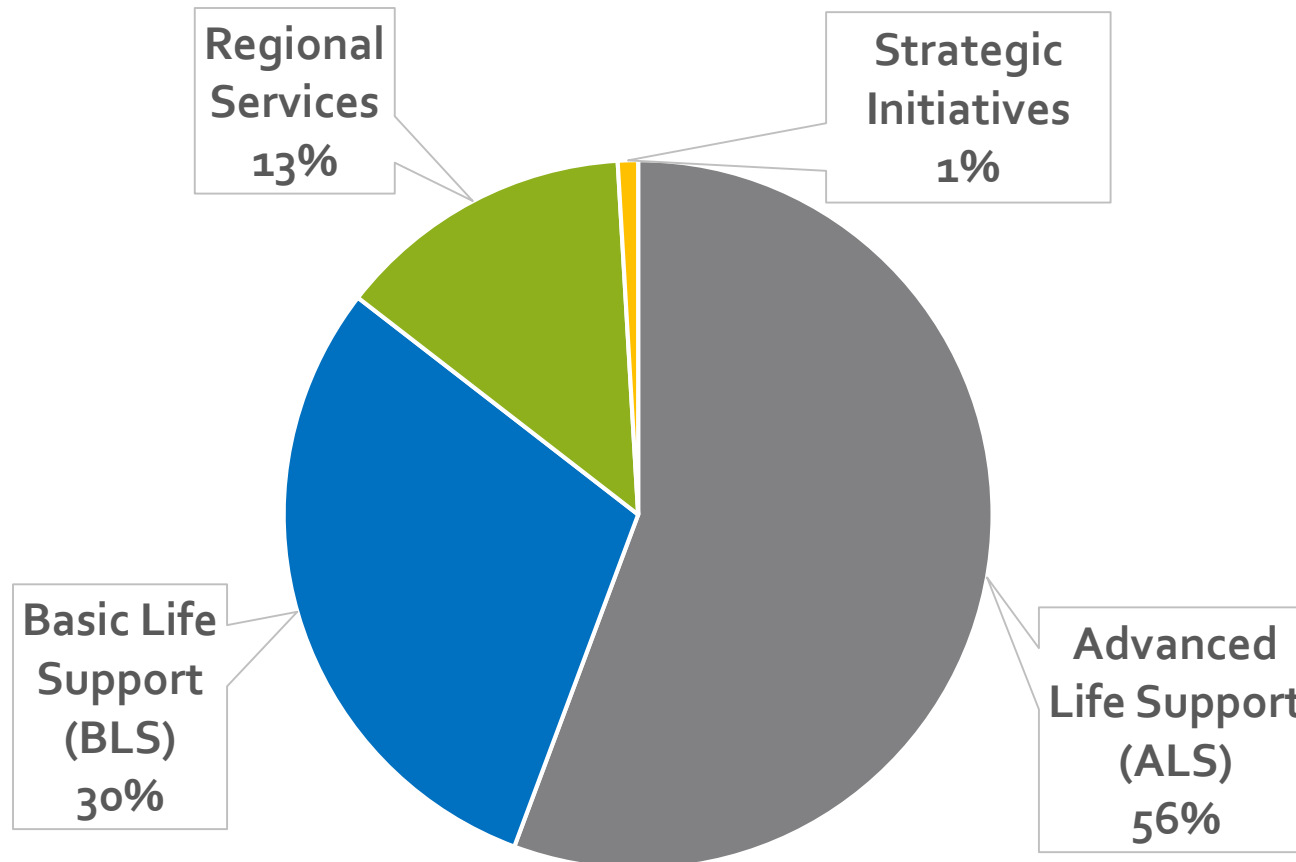
- 6-year levy, starting rate of 26.5 cents/\$1,000 AV
- Generate \$1.115 billion over 6 years
- KC programs funded by levy (\$664.2m):
 - Advanced Life Support (ALS)
 - Basic Life Support (BLS)
 - Regional Services/Strategic Initiatives
 - Reserves
- Cost to the homeowner (2020): **\$159***

* \$600,000 King County median residence value in 2020 per King County Assessor

Key Task Force Recommendations:

ALS Subcommittee	BLS Subcommittee	Reg Services/SI Subcommittee
1. CONTINUE using the ALS allocation to determine ALS costs (inflate annually using CPI-W +1% and appropriate vehicle inflator). 2. INCLUDE a “place holder” in the Financial Plan to potentially fund a 12-hour unit in the 3rd (2028) and 5th (2030) years of the levy. 3. CONTINUE using reserves and contingencies to cover costs that fall outside the allocation.	1. INCREASE total BLS funding by \$5 million in the first year of the levy: a. \$3 million to BLS Basic Allocation b. \$2 million to MIH 2. INFLATE funding annually at CPI-W + 1%. 3. DISTRIBUTE NEW BLS funding and annual increases using a more equitable distribution methodology of 60% call volume/40% AV. 4. SUPPORT mental wellness and equity and inclusion efforts proposed by the King County Fire Chiefs Association.	1. CONTINUE delivering programs that provide essential support to the system. 2. ENHANCE programs to meet regional needs, including - expanding Initial EMT Training - renewing the Telephone Referral Program. 3. MAINTAIN AND DEVELOP Strategic Initiatives that leverage previous investments made by the region to improve patient care and outcomes: - ECHO (Community-based partnerships) - PRIME (Data systems improvements) - New: Emergency Medical Dispatch (tech. impro.)

DISTRIBUTION BY PROGRAM – KC EMS Fund



Program	\$s in millions
ALS	\$511.8
BLS	\$273.9
Reg'l Svcs	\$124.9
SI	\$8.5
TOTAL	\$919.1

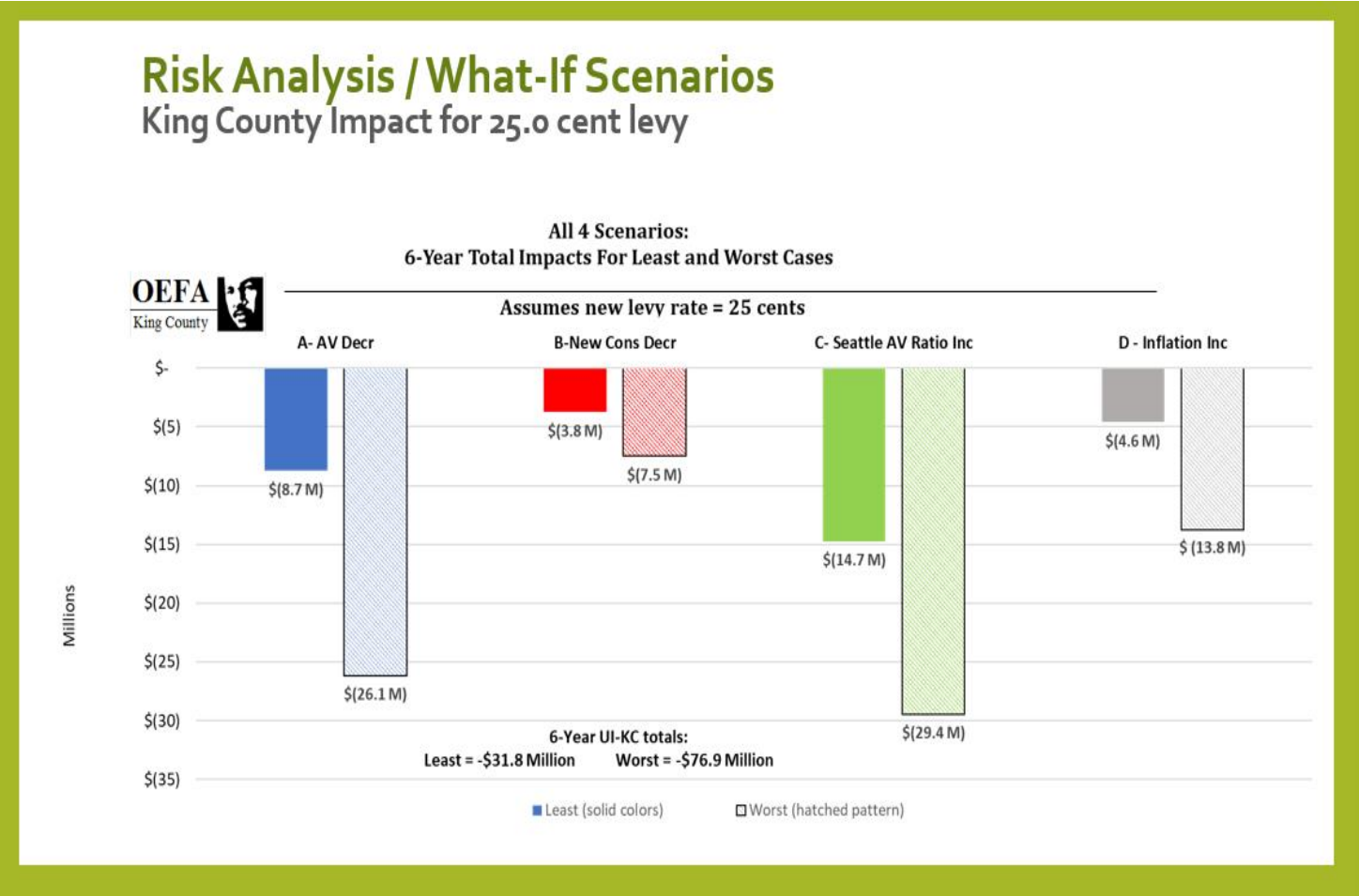
2025 Redmond	Est 2026 Redmond
ALS (3 units): \$11.44m	\$12.18m
BLS: \$2.14m	\$2.56m
(\$353K – MIH)	(\$495K - MIH)

Finance

Subcommittee

Recommendations

- 1. **CONDUCT** a risk analysis to determine appropriate reserve funding to help safeguard the Medic One/EMS system from unforeseen financial risk.
- 2. **INCORPORATE** sufficient reserves and contingencies to mitigate financial risk and provide flexibility.
- 3. **SUPPORT** forwarding a Financial Plan, with expenditures and reserves projected at \$1.5 billion over the six-year span, and a 25-cent levy rate.



Risk Analysis Range: Least = -\$31.8 Million Worst = -\$76.9 Million

Recommended 2026-2031 EMS Levy Financial Summary

Financial Summary	Total (in millions)
Total Expenditures	\$1,438.0
Reserves (Programmatic & Rainy Day)	\$67.7
TOTAL Expenditures & Reserves	\$1,505.7
2026-2031 Property Tax Forecast (25 cent levy rate)	\$1,470.8
Other Revenues (KC EMS Fund)	\$17.5
Carryforward from 2020-2025	\$64.4
TOTAL Available Revenues	\$1,552.7
Funds available for KC Supplemental/Economic Reserves	\$47.0

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Summary:

- ✓ **Supported subcommittee programmatic recommendations**
- ✓ **Levy Rate:** 25.0 cents
 - ✓ Annual cost to the homeowner: \$212 (average \$850,000 home)
- ✓ **Length:** 6 years (2026-2031)
- ✓ **Ballot Timing:** General Election in Nov 2025