



The November 2020 General Election will provide King County voters the opportunity to support Harborview Medical Center by approving a capital improvement bond measure for vital capital investments. If approved, the 20-year bond will provide health and safety improvements at Harborview, including increasing critical health care capacity, updating and expanding modern infection control standards, and expanding capacity for behavioral health needs.

The medical center is home to a wide range of critical medical and behavioral health services. It is one of the nation's leading academic medical centers and is the only Level 1 adult and pediatric trauma and verified burn center serving a four-state region (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, and Washington).

Highlights of the measure include:

- Construction of a new medical tower and renovation of existing space that increases capacity for the hospital to serve more patients in the event of an emergency, disaster, or pandemic and to meet modern infection control and privacy standards;
- Expansion of the emergency department;
- Construction of new behavioral health services building to meet the growing demand for behavioral health; and,
- Critical seismic improvements to the historic Harborview campus ensuring the safety of patients, employees, and visitors.

**RESPONDING TO CRISES IN KING COUNTY:** Harborview is at the center of all medical crises in King County, whether a global pandemic, mass casualty event, or a natural disaster. Increasing flexible bed capacity, modernizing infection control standards, expanding the Emergency Department, and stabilizing existing buildings are required critical investments for Harborview to continue to serve the region.

**EXPANDING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES:** Harborview's behavioral health outpatient clinics have run out of room and the evidence of the need for expanded behavioral health services can be seen everywhere. The bond will leverage existing psychiatric and behavioral health education, training, and services into a new, expanded facility where a full continuum of behavioral health services in a healing environment will be consolidated. These investments will not only serve already vulnerable populations, but also help all individuals receive treatment ahead of crisis—changing lives while saving resources.

**PROVIDING RESPITE CARE:** Renovation to the existing Harborview Hall include construction of up to 150 respite beds where the vulnerable who are ready to be discharged, including the homeless, have a place to go to further heal. The respite beds ensure homelessness doesn't undermine an individual's recovery and care and that vital hospital beds are available for patients needing acute care.

**CREATING JOBS:** King County estimates that construction of the needed improvements will create approximately 7,700 family wage jobs, with an estimated 2,300 opportunities for apprenticeship and local hire under King County's Master Community Workforce Agreement. These jobs are vital to supporting working families during the recession and helping the region rebound.

**ABOUT THE BOND:** The recommendations comprising the bond package follow a nearly two-year stakeholder process designed to understand and identify the capital needs of Harborview and the broader King County community, including input from medical experts, labor, behavioral health experts, housing and homelessness community, and others. Using a median priced \$600,000 King County home, the levy is estimated to cost about \$75 annually. The current levy, about \$14 per year, is set to expire in 2023.

The elements of the bond are outlined:

<b>Medical Tower Building</b>	Increase surge capacity; meet infection control and privacy standards; new emergency rooms; disaster preparedness	\$925M
<b>Behavioral Health Building</b>	Expand capacity for behavioral health services and programs	\$79M
<b>Renovations to Existing Hospital Buildings</b>	Expand ITA Court, Gamma Knife renovations; renovate labs, Public Health TB, STD, MEO	\$178M
<b>Harborview Hall</b>	Create space for 150 respite beds including seismic upgrades	\$108M
<b>Center Tower</b>	Seismic upgrades for safety and modify space	\$248M
<b>Pioneer Square Clinic</b>	Seismic upgrades for safety and improve clinic space	\$20M
<b>East Clinic</b>	Demolish building	\$9M
<b>Site Improvements/ Other Costs</b>	Site preparation; plant infrastructure: 1% for Arts; project labor agreement; project management	\$146M

*\*Estimated Costs, Subject to Modification*

Total \$1.74 B\*

**THE RISKS:** Ultimately, care will be impacted if voters reject this bond. Today, Harborview is operating at nearly 100% of capacity. On any given pre-COVID-day, day up to 50 (12 percent) beds are unusable due to the need for patient isolation procedures; COVID-19 has emphasized the need for Harborview to modernize the infrastructure to support responding to COVID-19 and future infectious diseases. Older buildings on the campus need to be seismically stabilized as a life-safety measure. As the region grows, the medical center must expand to serve the growing population and their complexities.

## ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN

Per the Washington State Constitution, the bond measure must pass with 60 percent of the vote in an election with a minimum turnout of 40 percent of the voters in the last general election. ***In a high turnout presidential year, we anticipate a vote goal of over 690,000 votes.***

Our goal to reach these voters is to raise a minimum of \$750,000, which will allow the campaign to run targeted voter communication and digital outreach, informing voters of this critical regional need.

## ABOUT HARBORVIEW

Harborview is a 413-licensed bed hospital owned by King County and operated by UW Medicine. Harborview employs approximately 5,400 people.

HMC adheres to a core mission to care for “the non-English speaking poor; the uninsured or underinsured, victims of domestic violence or sexual assault; people incarcerated in King County’s jails; people with mental illness or substance abuse problems, particularly those treated involuntarily; people with sexually transmitted diseases; and those who require specialized emergency, trauma or burn care”.