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Introduced by: Gruger

Proposed No.: 89-925

MOTION NO. **7779**

A MOTION authorizing the County Executive to make grant applications to the Center for AIDS Research in the approximate amount of \$50,000 and to the American Foundation for AIDS Research in the approximate amount of \$58,200 for a needle exchange evaluation project.

WHEREAS, intravenous drug users comprise the second largest risk group for AIDS nationally, and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 12,000 - 14,000 intravenous drug users in King County, and

WHEREAS, a local study of intravenous drug users found that 29% were sharing needles, and that 1/3 were not cleaning shared needles between uses, greatly increasing their risk of HIV infection, and

WHEREAS, the Seattle-King County department of public health began a two-year pilot needle exchange project to reduce high risk behavior and HIV seroconversion among intravenous drug users, and

WHEREAS, continuation of the needle exchange program will depend, in part, upon the availability of information on its effectiveness, and

WHEREAS, the few studies evaluating needle exchange programs are inconclusive because they were too small, lacked controlled comparison groups, or were carried out abroad, and

WHEREAS, the health department has developed a proposal to conduct prospective and retrospective studies to evaluate the impact of the department's needle exchange program on high risk behaviors and HIV seroconversion among intravenous drug users, and

WHEREAS, the health department seeks grant funding to carry out the evaluation, and

WHEREAS, council approval of grant applications is required;

1 NOW THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

2 A. The King County executive is hereby authorized to make
3 application for funds in the approximate amount of \$50,000 to the
4 Center for AIDS Research for a needle exchange evaluation program;

5 B. The King County executive is hereby authorized to make
6 application for funds in the approximate amount of \$58,200 to the
7 American Foundation for AIDS Research for a needle exchange
8 evaluation program;

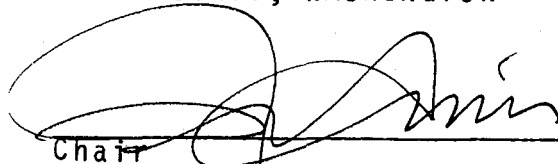
9 C. The King County executive is hereby authorized to file
10 and execute such applications, and to enter into and execute such
11 contracts as are required by the grantors;

12 D. The King County executive is also authorized to enter
13 into and execute such subcontracts as are necessary for the
14 implementation of the project;

15 E. The Department of Health and Human Services is hereby
16 assured full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.

17 PASSED this 18th day of December, 1989.

18 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
19 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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21 Chair

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23 ATTEST:

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26 Clerk of the Council