



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**January 13, 2003**

**Motion 11625**

**Proposed No. 2002-0573.2**

**Sponsors Pelz**

1           A MOTION establishing 2003 federal legislative agenda  
2           for King County.  
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5           WHEREAS, the metropolitan King County council and the King County  
6 executive have worked through the joint King County legislative steering committee to  
7 develop a federal legislative agenda and desire to bring their positions on issues facing  
8 the United States Congress to the attention of the 108th Congress, and

9           WHEREAS, King County desires to work cooperatively with other local  
10 governments and other partners at the local, state and federal level in the development of  
11 a 2003 (FY 2004) federal agenda, and

12           WHEREAS, King County is committed to ensuring that dislocated workers in this  
13 region have access to retraining and job placement services, and

14           WHEREAS, congestion is an urgent matter and in King County has become  
15 increasingly worse and remains the primary threat to the long-term mobility and health of  
16 King County citizens and businesses

17           WHEREAS, as a result of the tragic events of September 11, we must continue to  
18 seek ways of improving our emergency preparedness capabilities in the multidisciplinary  
19 areas of service King County provides its residents, and

20           WHEREAS, King County will continue to be advocates for intelligent habitat  
21 conservation, the protection of endangered species and smart growth, and

22           WHEREAS, King County is a major national urban center with associated social  
23 and health issues affecting children, families, seniors and diverse immigrant populations.  
24 King County recognizes effective programs that minimize impacts on the criminal justice  
25 system and that positively impact the overall economy and health of the area, and

26           WHEREAS, the King County council and the King County executive will  
27 continue to review federal legislative and appropriations developments impacting  
28 transportation for possible revisions of King County's 2003 (FY 2004) federal legislative  
29 agenda;

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

31           The King County council adopts the 2003 (FY 2004) federal legislative agenda

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32 for King County as King County's highest priorities for action in the 108th United States  
33 Congress.  
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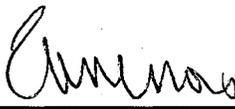
Motion 11625 was introduced on 11/25/2002 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 1/13/2003, by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Pullen, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Irons and Ms. Patterson  
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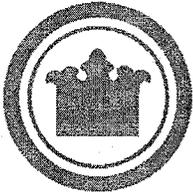
KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Cynthia Sullivan, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments** A. 2003 (FY 2004) King County, Washington Federal Agenda and Action Plan  
Priorities, B. 2003 (FY 2004) King County, Washington Statements of Policy



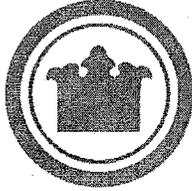
**KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
2003 (FY 2004) FEDERAL AGENDA  
AND ACTION PLAN PRIORITIES**

	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST</b>
<b>1a</b>	<p><b>Transportation</b></p> <p>Shirley Smits Leslie Mozingo The Ferguson Group</p>	<p><b>Secure the following in the Transportation Appropriations bill:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. \$10 million to purchase <b>25 Hybrid Clean Air Buses</b>;</li> <li>2. \$3 million to complete final design work for the <b>South Park Bridge</b>; and</li> <li>3. \$3 million to <b>synchronize traffic lights</b>.</li> </ol> <p><b>Secure the following in the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. \$64 million in Interstate Maintenance Program for construction of a two-way <b>HOV Lane on I-90</b>.</li> <li>2. \$60 million in New Starts Program for <b>Bus Rapid Transit System</b>.</li> </ol>
<b>1b</b>	<p><b>Transportation</b></p> <p>McBee Strategic Consulting</p>	<p><b>Metropolitan Congestion Relief:</b> King County is pursuing a TEA-21 reauthorization initiative for a new national discretionary assistance program that provides flexible funding for transportation solutions in the nation's most congested metropolitan areas.</p>
<b>1c</b>	<p><b>Transportation</b></p> <p>Denny Miller and Associates</p>	<p><b>FAST Corridor II:</b> Secure continued funding for the program (\$10 million) in the Transportation Appropriations bill.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Workforce Training</b></p> <p>Kareem Murphy Shirley Smits The Ferguson Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Increase Workforce Investment Act (WIA) formula allocation.</b> King County WorkSource Centers had 98,000 customer visits from 7/1/02 to 9/30/02, a 23% increase over the same period in 2001. The demand for re-training and job placement services continues to skyrocket. King County has spent 100% of its WIA allocation on employment services for 3,029 enrolled customers. The WIA funding streams are currently at risk of significant budget cuts that would have severe impacts on the capacity of WorkSource Centers to provide these essential services to dislocated and low-income workers. In addition, the</li> </ul>

		<p>region's major employers, such as the Boeing Corporation, are expected to make additional layoffs in 2003.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Support the National Emergency Grant proposal.</b> The State of Washington has submitted a \$74.1 million request of which King County should receive as much as one-third to handle the massive volume of laid-off workers since the economic downturn.</li> </ul>
3a	<p><b>Salmon Recovery</b></p> <p>Shirley Smits Joe Raeder The Ferguson Group</p>	<p>Secure the following in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$3.5 million for the <b>Green/Duwamish Ecosystem Restoration Program.</b></li> <li>• Funding for <b>Salmon Habitat Restoration Studies</b>, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$850,000 for the Lake Washington/Ship Canal Ecosystem Study;</li> <li>○ \$2 million for the Puget Sound Nearshore Marine Habitat Study; and</li> <li>○ \$500,000 for the Puyallup River Basin Ecosystem Restoration Study.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• \$2 million for the <b>Puget Sound and Adjacent Waters Initiative.</b></li> </ul> <p>Pending FY03 Appropriations results, amounts of requests may change.</p>
3b	<p><b>Salmon Recovery</b></p> <p>Denny Miller &amp; Associates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued support for the <b>Salmon Recovery Funding Board</b> at \$30 million level through the Commerce, State Justice Appropriations Bill</li> <li>• Complete the Tri-County proposal for <b>Puget Sound Chinook habitat</b> and ensure its inclusion in the 4(d) rule proposed by NMFS. Continue working with USFWS in response to the bull trout listing and the development of their 4(d) rule. Seek additional federal funding for habitat projects.</li> </ul>
4a	<p><b>Growth Management/ Smart Growth</b></p> <p>Shirley Smits The Ferguson Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Maury Island Conservation Initiative:</b> Secure \$2 million in the Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations bill. The Initiative brings together a unique array of partners in an effort to preserve the significant ecological values of the Marine Island Aquatic Conservancy and associated uplands. The partners include the State of Washington, King County, the Cascade Land Conservancy and the Vashon/Maury Island Land Trust. The</li> </ul>

		<p>Conservancy protects critical nearshore salmon habitat, which has been identified as a top priority for preservation by the WRIA 9 watershed planning process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Juanita Drive Woodlands Open Space Project:</b> Secure \$1 million through the competitive grants process to assist the partnership of King County, Cascade Land Conservancy, the State of Washington, the City of Kirkland, the Denny Creek Neighborhood Alliance and, possibly, the Lake Washington School District for the purpose of ensuring long-term conservation and environmental stewardship of approximately 40 acres of forested land located in unincorporated King County in the Holmes Point area.</li> </ul>
4b	<p><b>Growth Management/ Smart Growth</b></p> <p>Denny Miller &amp; Associates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cedar Green Partnership</b> (formerly known as Rock Creek Vision) -- \$5 million to leverage private and local funds to ensure long term forestry in the rapidly growing Eastern King and Pierce County Forest zones.</li> <li>• <b>Forest Legacy:</b> Support funding the forest legacy projects proposed by the State of Washington for the acquisition of development rights on forest parcels. The State proposal includes projects in King County worth \$3 million.</li> </ul>
5	<p><b>Homeland Security/ Bioterrorism</b></p> <p>Kareem Murphy The Ferguson Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support full funding for <b>TOPOFF 2</b> counter-terrorism exercise which provides the County with the opportunity to collectively test, evaluate and improve local, state and federal emergency operations.</li> <li>• Support additional funds to assist local law enforcement jurisdictions and first responders to be prepared for acts of terrorism.</li> <li>• Support grant funds to develop and implement pre-incident emergency management planning to provide preparation for domestic terrorism and other issues where interagency coordination, cooperation and execution are critical to public safety.</li> <li>• Support increased funding for city and county organizations to target major populations centers providing regional services in response to weapons of mass destruction.</li> <li>• Support funding to enhance the basic infrastructure of the public health system and its ability to prepare for and respond to acts of terrorism, especially bioterrorism.</li> </ul>
6	<p><b>Electronic Records and DNA Testing</b></p>	<p>Secure \$2.6 million in the Commerce, Justice State Appropriations bill to continue to help with King County</p>

	Elizabeth Ruebman The Ferguson Group	Sheriff's Office for conversion of criminal investigation records into an electronic format and DNA evidence testing. \$500,000 was earmarked in FY01 for DNA testing.  Pending FY03 Appropriations results, if funding is adequate this request will be withdrawn. If funding is inadequate request will be repeated.
7	<b>Infiltration/Inflow Demonstration Partnership Project</b>  Shirley Smits The Ferguson Group	Secure \$3 million in the VA, HUD and Independent Agencies Appropriations bill (EPA-STAG), to establish infiltration/inflow rehabilitation pilot programs that will serve as standards for local sewage collection systems.
8	<b>Molten Fuel Cell Demonstration Project</b>  Shirley Smits The Ferguson Group	Secure \$2.5 million in the VA, HUD and Independent Agencies Appropriations bill , (EPA-EPM). This project has received \$2.5 million each in FY98, FY99 and FY00; \$300,000 in FY01; \$500,000 in FY02. An additional \$2.5 million is needed in FY04 to complete the project.
9	<b>Medicaid</b>  Kareem Murphy The Ferguson Group	Restore the FMAP to FY 2001 level. King County Regional Support Network (mental health), drug and alcohol services, and developmental disabilities services rely on the FMAP funding levels.
10	<b>Regional Interagency Wireless Communications and Data Sharing Pilot Project</b>  Elizabeth Ruebman The Ferguson Group	Secure \$500,000 in Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary Appropriations bill (COPS).  Possible request, pending the outcome of the FY03 appropriations process.



**KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
STATEMENTS OF POLICY**

These legislative interests are advocated for in partnership with national organizations or issue-specific coalitions.

<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST</b>
Statewide Salmon Funding Coalition	King County supports the efforts of the newly formed state-wide coalition comprised of government and private interests to increase funding for salmon recovery and water quality protection.
Methamphetamines Enforcement Funding Elizabeth Rubeman The Ferguson Group	Support \$15 million for Washington State Methamphetamine (Meth) Initiative in Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary Appropriations, under the COPS Methamphetamine/Drug "Hot Spots" Program for cleanup mitigation, health/treatment, child protective services, community mobilization and prevention.
Energy Shirley Smits The Ferguson Group	Support the inclusion of Section 29 Tax Credits, for landfill gas-to-energy facilities, in the energy bill.
Urban and Community Forestry Denny Miller & Associates	Diversify sources of federal funding by seeking funds through USDA Forest Service to leverage local support for improving tree cover in open spaces and critical habitats. Priorities are improving wildlife habitats and quality of life in inner city areas and encouraging preservation of tree resources in emerging suburban developments. King County supports increased funding for the USDA Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Program.
Duwamish Corridor Ecosystem Restoration Kristi Arcularius The Ferguson Group	Support County's effort to secure funding for the cleanup of the Duwamish Corridor through Superfund and Brownfields programs.
Salmon Bay Shoreline Restoration Shirley Smits The Ferguson Group	Assist the County in efforts with the Corps of Engineers to secure funding to initiate a shoreline restoration study.
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Elizabeth Ruebman The Ferguson Group	Support continued funding for the LLEBG program, especially those programs that support drug education, treatment and prevention.

Secure Emergency Communications Bandwith  Elizabeth Ruebman The Ferguson Group	Support legislative policy that would allow secure bandwidth for public safety communication needs
Flood Hazard Reduction  Shirley Smits The Ferguson Group	Support funding for the Snoqualmie flood hazard reduction project
Shelter Plus Care  Kareem Murphy The Ferguson Group	Maintain a separate budget line item for Shelter Plus Care renewals. These funds subsidize the cost of rental housing for homeless people with disabilities.
Domestic Violence  Elizabeth Ruebman The Ferguson Group	Support funding for the Title IV, the Violence Against Women Act of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (the Crime Act). The money made available through this program should be made available to develop Domestic Violence prevention programming in jails.
CDBG and HOME Formula Funds, McKinney Act Programs  Ron Hamm The Ferguson Group	Advocate for increases or at least maintain HUD appropriations for Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs, homeless assistance (McKinney Act programs), and public housing operating subsidies, rental certificates/vouchers, and Section 8 contract renewals. These funds benefit low/moderate income residents of KC. It is also important to advocate for maintaining local discretion and flexibility over the use of these funds
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)  Kareem Murphy The Ferguson Group	Increase funding of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) program funds. Increases are included in the President's "New Freedom Initiative"
Reinvesting in Youth  Elizabeth Ruebman The Ferguson Group	The City of Seattle and King County have launched this initiative to be used as a model for reforming the juvenile justice system. The goal is to implement "front end" or intervention measures that build strengths in children and families especially for youth at risk
Mental Health  Kareem Murphy The Ferguson Group	Support funding to improve local jail's ability to address the issues related to the contact between the criminal justice system and the mentally ill. This would include screening and evaluation, housing, treatment, and discharge planning.
Community Access	Support reauthorization and appropriations funding at no less

Program Kareem Murphy The Ferguson Group	than 2001 level of \$125 million.
Infrastructure Shirley Smits The Ferguson Group	Support a comprehensive federal investment into infrastructure needs, particularly drinking water and wastewater. Also support legislation to provide funding for communities needing new capital facilities to meet the new arsenic standard under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.
State Criminal Alien Apprehension Program (SCAAP) Elizabeth Ruebman The Ferguson Group	Support continued funding for the SCAAP. King County has been a recipient for the last five years, receiving some level of reimbursement every year from \$500,000 to over \$7M for local jails and state prisons to provide detention services to criminal aliens.
Juvenile Detention Elizabeth Ruebman The Ferguson Group	Support funding for juvenile detention-based programs that focus on drug education, crisis intervention, prevention, and treatment.
Mental Health Kareem Murphy The Ferguson Group	Assist in modifying 42 CFR, Part 2 – data sharing between systems (mental health and substance abuse). King County needs improvements in the law to allow information sharing between the two disciplines. Support opportunities for local government to create demonstration projects to apply confidentiality standards differently, and request one-time funds to mobilize and train staff in implementation of the pilot model.
State Enhancement Program (SEP) Shirley Smits The Ferguson Group	Support federal participation in the establishment of a SEP for the State of Washington, which will enable the State to overcome the barriers to greater participation in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), the nation's largest conservation program administered by the federal government. In addition, establishment of a SEP will allow the State to tailor the CRP so that it will more effectively address the State's unique conservation challenges, particularly as they relate to salmon habitat protection and restoration.
Safe Drinking Water Act Christina Mattar The Ferguson Group	Support legislation to provide funding for communities needing new capital facilities to meet the new arsenic standard under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.
Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) Christina Mattar The Ferguson Group	Support for federal funding for guidance and full TMDL implementation for the new TMDL rules that will be proposed in 2002 and adopted in 2003.

Low Flow Fixtures Ron Hamm The Ferguson Group	Oppose legislation that attempts to eliminate national plumbing code standards that mandate low-flow fixtures.
Wet Weather Water Quality Christina Mattar The Ferguson Group	Support legislation that provides regulatory clarity and federal funding for combined sewer overflow (CSO) and sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) control.
School Safety Act Elizabeth Ruebman The Ferguson Group	Support legislation that would release the 20% cap on federal Safe and Drug Free Schools funds to 100% discretion to allow schools more flexibility over spending those funds for School Resource officers.
Pipeline Safety Bill Shirley Smits The Ferguson Group	Support legislation for pipeline reform and accountability to ensure safety and trust within our state.
Superfund Shirley Smits The Ferguson Group	Support adoption of an amendment to Superfund that would exempt Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW's) from liability.
FEMA Elizabeth Ruebman The Ferguson Group	Seek modifications to FEMA's interim policy barring reimbursement of the cost of replanting trees and shrubs as part of repairs made to river facilities, detention/retention areas, water quality sites and stream and river bank stabilization areas.
FEMA Elizabeth Ruebman The Ferguson Group	Seek variance for Pacific Northwest to Corps of Engineers and FEMA disaster assistance eligibility criteria. Currently, levees and other flood works that contain vegetation are ineligible for assistance from the Corps under P.L. 84-99 and FEMA funding for repairs under the Stafford Act.
FEMA Elizabeth Ruebman The Ferguson Group	Seek federal funds from FEMA and other agencies with flood hazard mitigation programs to support the removal of structures within the flood plain and the restoration of important habitat.
Seismic Infrastructure Shirley Smits The Ferguson Group	Federal funding to improve the seismic reliability of public facilities in most threatened regions of King County.
Housing Ron Hamm The Ferguson Group	Support revisions to the tax code to support homeownership for households earning 120 percent of median income or less.
Housing Ron Hamm	Seek appropriations and tax code revisions to support a King County House Land Trust to purchase land to construct owner-occupied housing for moderate- and median-income

The Ferguson Group	households.
Homeless Kareem Murphy The Ferguson Group	Reauthorization of the Consolidated Health Centers program, which includes health care for the homeless.
Homeless Kareem Murphy The Ferguson Group	Support "hold harmless" provision in legislation to block grant federal homeless assistance funding for the Seattle-King County area to maintain current funding levels and support maximum flexibility for local jurisdictions in the use of the funds.

### LEGISLATIVE INTERESTS

The Ferguson Group will monitor federal legislation and regulations continuously and report to King County when participation in the process is beneficial to the county. The Ferguson Group will also coordinate efforts on these issues with national associations. King County has expressed a particular interest in the following issues:

- Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)
- Privacy
- Affirmative Action
- Clean Water Act / Endangered Species Act Integration
- HIV/AIDS
- Private Activity Bond Cap and Low Income Housing Tax Credits
- Mental Health Block Grant
- Property Rights and "Takings" legislation
- EPA's Sustainable Development Challenge Grant Program
- Welfare to Work
- CARA
- Internet Tax
- EPA, Waterbody Monitoring and Assessment Rule
- Child Care
- Education
- Individuals w/Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Housing (CDBG, HOME, homeless assistance, public housing, first time buyers, Section 8, etc.)
- Pediatric Cancer Research funding
- Telecommunications
- Federal Highway Administration's Grant Program (Section 1221 of TEA 21)

## GRANTS

The Ferguson Group will conduct a grants workshop with King County departments to further help the County improve its grant application process. In addition, The Ferguson Group will research federal grant opportunities at the County's request. When the County is interested in applying for a grant it will notify The Ferguson Group so that any additional information may be sent. After the County has applied for the grant and notified The Ferguson Group, The Ferguson Group will work with the County, congressional delegation, and agencies to garner support for the application. Active participation in the process will continue to determine the approximate time of grant announcement and the status of the County's application, as well as to ensure the County's application receives the best possible consideration. If the County's application is successful, The Ferguson Group will work with the federal agency to expedite allocation of the grant award. If the County's application is unsuccessful, The Ferguson Group will follow-up with the federal agency's grant reviewers to determine the strengths and weaknesses of the application and then work with the County to prepare for the next funding opportunity.

## E-CIVIS

Through an agreement between The Ferguson Group and eCivis, King County will also receive access to *Grants Locator* within The Ferguson Group's existing annual contract. The value of this provision to King County is \$25,000.

*Grants Locator*, a complete grants research system, is a web-based tool tailored for the needs of local governments, providing comprehensive research on Federal and Foundation grants information along with customization and efficiency tools. This system, which is updated daily, customizable for each user, instantly searchable, and complete with downloadable files for each funding opportunity, is a sole source product adding effectiveness and efficiency to the grants process. Management features are built in, allowing for communication and accountability throughout departments. Full training, customer service, and technical support are included with access for an unlimited number of users within the County.

## BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS AND COALITIONS

The Ferguson Group will build partnerships and coalitions with national associations in which King County is an active member. These associations include, but are not limited to, the National Association of Counties, and its subgroups the Large Urban County Caucus and the National Democratic County Officials, the American Public Transit Association and other groups in which the Legislative Steering Committee deems of particular interest.