



KING COUNTY
Signature Report

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

December 15, 2015

Motion 14489

Proposed No. 2015-0529.1

Sponsors McDermott and Dembowski

1 A MOTION declaring the county's intent to establish a
2 grant program to support mentoring services for youth.

3 WHEREAS, in January 2014, Ordinance 17738 created a youth action plan task
4 force to develop a proposed youth action plan to provide a policy basis for the
5 development and implementation of King County policies and programs involving youth,
6 and

7 WHEREAS, in April 2015, the youth action plan task force report included
8 recommendations in nine areas, including social justice and equity and stopping the
9 school to prison pipeline, and

10 WHEREAS, recommendations related to social justice and equity addressed the
11 need for King County to prioritize and provide resources to recognize, prevent and
12 eliminate institutional racism and other forms of bias across county government, and

13 WHEREAS, recommendations related to stopping the school to prison pipeline
14 called on the county and its partners to support preventative practices and programs that
15 reduce the likelihood of contact with the juvenile justice system, and

16 WHEREAS, in June 2015, the council passed Motion 14378, adopting the youth
17 action plan task force recommendations, and

18 WHEREAS, in July 2015, Ordinance 18088 placed on the ballot the best starts for
19 kids property tax levy to fund prevention and early intervention strategies to improve the
20 health and well-being of children, youth and their communities, and

21 WHEREAS, in November 2015, King County voters approved the best starts for
22 kids property tax levy, and

23 WHEREAS, best starts for kids property tax levy proceeds will become available
24 in late 2016 following council approval of an implementation plan that takes into
25 consideration the county's youth action plan and any recommendations of the county's
26 juvenile justice equity steering committee that was formed in 2015 to address
27 disproportionality in the juvenile justice system that are adopted into policy, and

28 WHEREAS, a 2002 report prepared for the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation
29 found that mentorship programs have been linked to socio-emotional development
30 benefits among youth, including improvements in parental relationships, educational
31 engagement and attendance, as well as decreased likelihood of risky behaviors such as
32 illegal drug and alcohol use and violent behaviors, and

33 WHEREAS, in the near term, the council wishes to invest in targeted mentorship
34 programs for youth in 2016 before best starts for kids levy proceeds become available;

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

36 A. It is the intent of the council to appropriate one hundred thousand dollars in
37 2016 to the department of community and human services to administer a competitive
38 grant program to support mentorship services for youth.

39 B. The department of community and human services is requested to issue a
40 request for proposals and is requested to evaluate proposals and award funds based on the
41 following criteria:

42 1. Potential impact to reduce inequities that result in disparate outcomes in
43 juvenile justice;

44 2. Potential ability to engage at-risk gang and justice involved populations with
45 efforts geared to prevention, reengaging or reconnecting this population;

46 3. Potential impact to improve social justice and equity;

47 4. Potential impact of disrupting the school to prison pipeline;

48 5. Evidence of ability to provide culturally competent services, if applicable,
49 including quality interpretation services;

50 6. Ability to use grant funds for service delivery with minimal time and cost
51 needed for implementation;

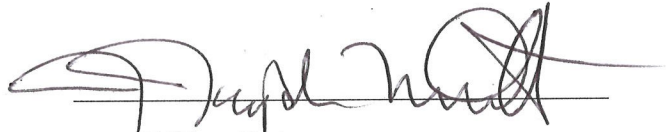
52 7. Evidence of past success or strong ability to achieve performance outcomes
53 related to the above criteria; and

54 8. Evidence that the program is planning for or has the ability to be sustained
55 beyond the terms of this grant.
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Motion 14489 was introduced on 12/7/2015 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 12/14/2015, by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Hague, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott,
Mr. Dembowski and Mr. Upthegrove
No: 0
Excused: 3 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. Gossett and Ms. Lambert

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None