



# King County

1200 King County  
Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Meeting Agenda Metropolitan King County Council

*Councilmembers: Girmay Zahilay, Chair;  
Sarah Perry, Vice Chair of Policy Development and Review;  
Reagan Dunn, Vice Chair of Regional Coordination;  
Claudia Balducci, Jorge L. Barón, Rod Dembowski,  
Teresa Mosqueda, De'Sean Quinn, Pete von Reichbauer*

1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance**  
*Councilmember Balducci*
4. **Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2025**  
*Councilmember Perry*
5. **Additions to the Council Agenda**
6. **Special Item**

**Proclamation of the week of March 16-22, 2025, as Transit Appreciation Week in King County**

*Councilmember Quinn*

**Recognition of Kregg Jorgenson for service to his community and documenting experiences of soldiers in Vietnam**

*Councilmember von Reichbauer and Councilmember Mosqueda*

**County Service Awards**

*Executive Constantine*



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## Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinances from Standing Committees and Regional Committees, and of Ordinances related to Collective Bargaining

There will be one public hearing on Items 6-8 and 12-13

### Consent Item 7

*Councilmember Perry*

7. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0030](#)

AN ORDINANCE approving the King County Consortium Consolidated Plan for 2025-2029.

**Sponsors:** Mosqueda

*On 2/11/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee.*

*On 3/4/2025, the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee Recommended Do Pass Consent.*

### Regional Policy

*Councilmember von Reichbauer*

8. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0073](#)

AN ORDINANCE amending the King County Doors Open Program implementation plan, required by Ordinance 19710, Section 9; amending Ordinance 19868, Section 1, as amended, and repealing Ordinance 19868, Attachment B.

**Sponsors:** Balducci

*On 2/18/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Committee of the Whole.*

*On 2/25/2025, the Committee of the Whole Recommended Do Pass.*

*On 3/12/2025, the Regional Policy Committee Recommended Do Pass.*

**Public Hearing Required**



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## Hearing Examiner Consent Agenda Items 9-11

*Councilmember Quinn*

9. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2025-0004.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE concurring with the recommendation of the hearing examiner to approve, subject to conditions, the application for public benefit rating system assessed valuation for open space submitted by Ernest and Loralynn Antin for property located at 24233 SE 164th Street, Issaquah WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E24CT008.

**Sponsors:** Upthegrove

***On 1/7/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Hearing Examiner.***

10. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2025-0005.3](#)

AN ORDINANCE concurring with the recommendation of the hearing examiner to approve, subject to conditions, the application for public benefit rating system assessed valuation for open space submitted by Elena Zakharova and Kiril Van Orman for property located at 515 286th Avenue SE, Fall City, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E24CT002.

**Sponsors:** Upthegrove

***On 1/7/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Hearing Examiner.***

11. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2025-0006.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE concurring with the recommendation of the hearing examiner to approve, subject to conditions, the application for public benefit rating system assessed valuation for open space submitted by Yasuhiro and Dorothy Matsui for property located at 6403 206th Place NE, Redmond, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E24CT007.

**Sponsors:** Upthegrove

***On 1/7/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Hearing Examiner.***



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## Motions, from Standing Committees and Regional Committees and Motions related to Collective Bargaining, for Council Action

### Consent Items 12-13

*Councilmember Perry*

12. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0008](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the new pandemic response plan required by Motion 15650.

**Sponsors:** Balducci

*On 1/16/2024, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Committee of the Whole.*

*On 6/11/2024, the Metropolitan King County Council Re-referred to Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee.*

*On 1/21/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Reintroduced.*

*On 2/4/2025, the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee Deferred.*

*On 3/4/2025, the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee Recommended Do Pass Consent.*

13. [Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2024-0228.2](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the second annual report on the second Best Starts for Kids initiative, in accordance with Ordinance 19354.

**Sponsors:** von Reichbauer and Mosqueda

*On 8/20/2024, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Regional Policy Committee.*

*On 9/3/2024, the Regional Policy Committee Recommended Do Pass Substitute.*

*On 2/4/2025, the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee Deferred.*

*On 2/4/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Reintroduced.*

*On 3/4/2025, the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee Recommended Do Pass Consent.*



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## First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

14. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0090](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to privacy rights, limiting the collection of gender information; and amending Ordinance 12550, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.14.030.

**Sponsors:** Dembowski

***First Reading and Referral to the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee***

15. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0092](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the leasing of county real property; and amending Ordinance 12045, Section 15, as amended, and K.C.C. 4.56.160 and Ordinance 12045, Section 17, as amended, and K.C.C. 4.56.180.

**Sponsors:** Mosqueda

***First Reading and Referral to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee***

16. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0093](#)

AN ORDINANCE related to establishing responsibility criteria for contracts for public works, tangible personal property, and services; and amending Ordinance 12138, Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.93.120 and amending Ordinance 12138, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.93.190.

**Sponsors:** Mosqueda

***First Reading and Referral to the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee***



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## First Reading and Referral of Motions

17. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0087](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Paul Graves, who resides in council district nine, to the Harborview Medical Center board of trustees, as the district nine representative.

**Sponsors:** Dunn

***First Reading and Referral to the Committee of the Whole***

18. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0088](#)

A MOTION adopting the King County 2025 Federal Legislative Priorities.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

***First Reading and Referral to the Committee of the Whole***

## Rereferral

19. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0039](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the sale of the surplus property located at 33431 13th Place S., Federal Way, Washington, in council district seven.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay and von Reichbauer

***On 1/28/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.***

***On 3/12/2025, the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee Recommended Do Pass Consent.***

This item is being rereferred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

20. [Reports on Special and Outside Committees](#)

## Other Business

## Adjournment



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1. **Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.*

2. **Roll Call**

**Present:** 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

3. **Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance**

*Councilmember Quinn led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.*

4. **Approval of Minutes of March 4, 2024**

*Councilmember Perry moved to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2025, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.*

5. **Additions to the Council Agenda**

*There were no additions.*

## Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinances from Standing Committees and Regional Committees, and of Ordinances related to Collective Bargaining

There will be one public hearing on Items 6-7

*The following people spoke:*  
*Alex Tsimmerman*  
*Joe Kunzler*

### **Consent Item 6**

**6. Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2025-0055.2**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the manager of treasury operations of King County to cancel the attached list of uncollectible personal property taxes in the amount of \$3,136,926 for the years 2016 through 2024.

**Sponsors:** Dembowski

*The enacted number is 19900.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Perry that this Ordinance be Passed on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

## Motions, from Standing Committees and Regional Committees and Motions related to Collective Bargaining, for Council Action

### **Consent Item 7**

**7. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0011**

A MOTION confirming the appointment of Aaron Parker as director of the community corrections division within the department of adult and juvenile detention.

**Sponsors:** Balducci

*The enacted number is 16783.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Perry that this Motion be Passed on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

## First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

### 8. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0084

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Lower Duwamish Waterway cleanup and authorizing the King County executive to sign and fulfill the obligations in the Consent Decree with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Washington state Department of Ecology and the associated multiparty Settlements to govern the cleanup of sediment contamination at the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund Site and address King County and other parties' roles, contributions, and obligations for cleanup.

**Sponsors:** Mosqueda

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee.**

## First Reading and Referral of Motions

### 9. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0059

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Alissa Campbell, who works in council district eight, to the King County solid waste advisory committee, as a representative from the waste management industry.

**Sponsors:** Mosqueda

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee.**

### 10. Reports on Special and Outside Committees

*No reports were presented.*

## Other Business

*No Other Business was presented.*

## Adjournment

*The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.*

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk's Signature



# KING COUNTY

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## Signature Report

### Ordinance

**Proposed No.** 2025-0030.1

**Sponsors** Mosqueda

1 AN ORDINANCE approving the King County Consortium  
2 Consolidated Plan for 2025-2029.

3 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

4 1. King County is the official applicant and grantee to the United States  
5 Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") for Community  
6 Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and  
7 Emergency Solutions Grant on behalf of King County and a consortium of  
8 cities and towns in the county, except for the city of Seattle, which  
9 receives its own HUD moneys, and the city of Milton.

10 2. The county is responsible to the federal government for activities  
11 undertaken with those moneys by the King County Consortium.

12 3. Federal regulations, 24 C.F.R. Part 91, require King County to adopt a  
13 three- to five-year consolidated plan that: identifies housing and  
14 community development needs; identifies resources and key partnerships;  
15 and establishes objectives and strategies to provide decent affordable  
16 housing and a suitable living environment for very-low- to moderate-  
17 income residents within the consortium territory of the county.

18 4. The King County Consortium's current Consolidated Plan for 2020-  
19 2024 provides a comprehensive affordable housing and community  
20 development policy and planning document to guide King County

21 administration of federal housing, homeless, and community development  
22 moneys.

23 5. The interjurisdictional Joint Recommendations Committee of the King  
24 County Consortium member cities participated in the development of the  
25 updated Consolidated Plan for 2025-2029, has approved the plan, and  
26 recommends it for approval by the King County council.

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28 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:  
29 SECTION 1. The King County Consortium Consolidated Plan for 2025-2029 is  
30 approved in substantially the form of Attachment A to this ordinance.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

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Dow Constantine, County Executive

**Attachments:** A. 2025-2029 King County Consortium Consolidated Plan



In an effort to save paper, rather than print out the 172 pages that make up 2025-0030 A, we have created a direct link, please click on the blue title below:

## **[King County Consortium 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan](#)**

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January 2025



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# Metropolitan King County Council Local Services and Land Use Committee

### STAFF REPORT

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	7	<b>Name:</b>	Olivia Brey
<b>Proposed No.:</b>	2025-0030	<b>Date:</b>	March 5, 2025

### SUBJECT

Proposed Ordinance 2025-0030 would approve the 2025-2029 King County Consortium Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan.

### SUMMARY

King County, through the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS), serves as the lead entity in administering federal block grants for the purpose of affordable housing, housing stability, and community development through a Consortium model permitted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Consolidated Plan is required to help jurisdictions assess their affordable housing and community development needs and market conditions within their geographic area to guide the investment of HUD funds. The funding sources that the Consolidated Plan contemplates are the Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grants, and HOME Investment Partnerships Program. The King County Consortium includes membership types that plan for and implement projects and programs from these funding sources.

The proposed 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan would set three goals: 1) increase affordable housing; 2) prevent and mitigate homelessness; and 3) enhance community and economic development. The proposal would also set projected outcomes and projected grant spending allocations within each goal, the progress of which will be tracked through annual reports submitted to HUD.

It is anticipated that HUD will be sending grants in April 2025. HUD requires that King County adopt the proposed Consolidated Plan by that time to remain in good standing as a grant recipient with HUD. Proposed Ordinance 2025-0030 should be adopted by April 2025 in order to secure the funding.

### BACKGROUND

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the development of a Consolidated Plan every three to five years for jurisdictions that receive funding from one or more of the following programs: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnership Program

(HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). King County and various jurisdictions within it receive funding from all three sources, so the Consolidated Plan must comport with the HUD requirements for each of the three entitlement programs.

HUD allows for jurisdictions to form consortia in order to plan for and implement projects and programs resulting from these entitlements.<sup>1</sup> King County, through the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS), serves as the lead entity for the King County Consortium<sup>2</sup> (the Consortium), which is an urban county consortium. As the lead entity, the County is responsible for monitoring subrecipients, managing the public engagement process and preparing the Consolidated Plan and other required reports, including the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and annual Action Plans, both of which articulate progress towards the goals of the Plan. The various forms of membership within the Consortium are described later in this staff report. The King County Consortium also utilizes the consortium-model in planning for and distributing state-allocated document recording fees for affordable housing.

The Consolidated Plan follows a template provided by HUD, with specific sections and questions within each section provided.

**Funding sources.** There are three federal funding sources related to affordable housing and community development that the Consolidated Plan contemplates. Each funding source has specific program goals and requirements, as described below:

- *Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):*<sup>3</sup> The CDBG is a federal formula grant designed to address community development needs that are specific to the funded jurisdiction. Over a one- to three-year period<sup>4</sup>, at least 70% of a jurisdiction's or consortium's funds must be used to benefit low- and moderate-income individuals and households. Eligible projects include constructing public facilities, rehabilitating of residential and non-residential structures, and aiding businesses to support job creation. In general, constructing new housing is not an eligible use of these funds.
- *HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME):*<sup>5</sup> The HOME Program is a federal formula grant designed to create and promote affordable housing for low-income households. Allowable uses for these funds are broad in order to provide flexibility within participating jurisdictions but include building affordable housing for rent or ownership, providing rental assistance to low-income individuals, and providing rehabilitation assistance for homeowners.
- *Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG):*<sup>6</sup> Before adoption of the HEARTH Act<sup>7</sup>, this was called the Emergency Shelter Grant, though the program experienced a shift

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<sup>1</sup> <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/notice-cpd-13-002-procedures-for-designation-of-consortia.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Ordinance 15571 formally authorized the consortia partnership in King County, though the model had been used prior to adoption of that ordinance in 2006.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-entitlement/>

<sup>4</sup> The grantee may select the time period between 1 and 3 years.

<sup>5</sup> [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/affordablehousing/programs/home/](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/affordablehousing/programs/home/)

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/esg/esg-requirements/>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/hearth-act/>

in focus at the same time as it was renamed. The ESG is a federal formula grant intended to help individuals and families regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness. Eligible uses include street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing, and the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The ESG also requires recipients to consult with the geography's Continuum of Care in determining how to allocate the funds.

**King County Consortium Membership.** Membership types within the Consortium fall into three categories:

1. Cities that partner with King County for both CDBG and HOME funds;
2. Joint Agreement Cities, which are cities that qualify for their own CDBG funds but choose to partner with King County in a regional housing and community development program - these cities retain a portion of their CDBG funds and contribute a portion to the Consortium; and
3. HOME-only cities, which are cities that receive their own CDBG funds directly from HUD.

The City of Seattle prepares their own consolidated plan and only participates in the King County Consortium for the administration and allocation of regional fund sources that are available for use in the City of Seattle. The two County jurisdictions not belonging to the Consortium are the cities of Milton and Seattle.

Below is a table outlining membership in each category.

**Table 1. Consortium Membership**

Membership Type	City Members
Cities that partner for both CDBG and HOME Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Algona</li> <li>• Beaux Arts</li> <li>• Black Diamond</li> <li>• Bothell</li> <li>• Carnation</li> <li>• Clyde Hill</li> <li>• Covington</li> <li>• Des Moines</li> <li>• Duvall</li> <li>• Enumclaw</li> <li>• Hunts Point</li> <li>• Issaquah</li> <li>• Kenmore</li> <li>• Lake Forest Park</li> <li>• Maple Valley</li> <li>• Medina</li> <li>• Mercer Island</li> <li>• Newcastle</li> <li>• Normandy Park</li> <li>• North Bend</li> <li>• Pacific</li> <li>• Sammamish</li> <li>• Sea Tac</li> <li>• Skykomish</li> <li>• Snoqualmie</li> <li>• Tukwila</li> <li>• Woodinville</li> <li>• Yarrow Point</li> </ul>
Joint Agreement Cities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burien</li> <li>• Kirkland</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Redmond</li> <li>• Renton</li> <li>• Shoreline</li> </ul>
HOME-Only Cities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Auburn</li> <li>• Bellevue</li> <li>• Federal Way</li> <li>• Kent</li> </ul>

**Joint Recommendations Committee.** The Joint Recommendations Committee (JRC) is an interjurisdictional advisory body that provides funding recommendations and advice on guidelines and procedures for the Consortium. The Interlocal Agreements that created the Consortium included language forming the committee and the committee is now codified in King County Code (K.C.C.) 24.13.020.<sup>8</sup> In addition to making funding recommendations for CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds, the JRC reviews and recommends the Consolidated Plan, advises the County Executive on state and federal legislative priorities, and advises the Consortium and County Executive on programs under the Consortium's jurisdiction.

The JRC is composed of three representatives appointed by the King County Executive and eight representatives of participating jurisdictions. The City of Seattle participates only in JRC meetings regarding regional funding sources that are available for use in their jurisdiction, primarily Regional Affordable Housing Program dollars.

Table 2 outlines the current composition of the JRC.

**Table 2. Composition of the JRC**

Membership Type	Jurisdiction/Representative
King County	1) Jim Chan, <i>Division Director, Department of Local Services</i> 2) Danielle De Clerq, <i>Deputy Director, Department of Local Services</i> 3) Sunaree Marshall, <i>Acting Division Director, Housing and Community Development</i>
Participating Jurisdiction <sup>9</sup>	1) Elizabeth Porter, <i>Covington Councilmember</i> 2) Amy McHenry, <i>Duvall Councilmember</i> 3) Karen Howe, <i>Sammamish Mayor</i> 4) Anyah Zupancic, <i>Burien Human Services Coordinator</i> 5) Carol Helland, <i>Redmond Director of Planning and Community Development</i> 6) Merina Hanson, <i>Kent Human Services Manager</i> 7) Sabrina Velarde, <i>Bellevue Housing Stability</i>

<sup>8</sup> [K.C.C. 24.13](#)

<sup>9</sup> There has been a vacancy from the city representatives from the Regular CDBG Consortium. The Sound Cities Association is anticipated to meet in February 2025 to identify the four members who will serve on the JRC in 2025.

	<i>Program Coordinator</i>
City of Seattle <sup>10</sup>	1) Rosey Zhou, <i>Seattle Rental Housing Program Manager</i>

**2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.** The 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan was adopted by the King County Council on October 23, 2019.<sup>11</sup> Development of that Plan followed a similar structure to that of the proposed update and identified actions the Consortium would take in the years following. The goals, like those in the proposed update, were focused on affordable housing, homelessness, and community and economic development.

The 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan predated the development of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA), which was established through Ordinance 19039 in December 2019.<sup>12</sup> The staff report for the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan indicates that, upon establishment, funding would be allocated to KCRHA as a sub-grantee, to use for homeless purposes that are allowable under ESG and CDBG regulations.

The 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan was developed well before the COVID-19 pandemic, which impacted the ability to meet some of the anticipated outcomes. The Consortium exceeded goals related to Rental Units Constructed, Rental Units Rehabilitated, Emergency Overnight Shelter, Public Facilities/Infrastructure and Businesses Assisted. Housing repair projects experienced delays due to supply chain shortages, contractor shortages, and agency staff turnover. Additional details regarding the evaluation of how funds were used to carry out the goals and objectives in the Consolidated Plan can be found in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), which HUD requires King County to submit annually.<sup>13</sup>

## **ANALYSIS**

The draft Consolidated Plan follows the template provided by HUD, which includes an Executive Summary, a description of the process for developing the Consolidated Plan, a Needs Assessment, a Housing Market Analysis, and a Strategic Plan with outcomes identified. According to Executive staff, HUD requires all sections of the template to be included in the document, including narratives and tables.

**The Process.** To develop the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, the Consortium sought input from 45 interested parties through virtual consultation sessions and an online survey. Both engagement methods indicated the highest need is affordable housing options. Conversations with interested parties also highlighted the need for public services for people experiencing behavioral health issues, food insecurity, and limited transportation options.

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<sup>10</sup> The City of Seattle participates in the King County Consortium only for only for the administration and allocation of the Regional Affordable Housing Program (RAHP).

<sup>11</sup> [King County - File #: 2019-0405](#)

<sup>12</sup> [King County - File #: 2019-0478](#)

<sup>13</sup> King County DCHS Housing and Community Development Division Reports and Data, <https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dchs/human-social-services/housing-homeless-services/housing-policy-data/plans-reports>

The Consortium also compared the goals of the Strategic Plan with local and regional planning efforts and consulted with public entities within King County and statewide.

The development process included citizen engagement through a community survey, public comment periods, and public hearings. The community survey was shared through websites and local partner organizations. It was available in 12 languages and accepted responses for approximately one month. A total of 120 responses were received regarding housing and community development needs. No comments were received during the public comment periods and public hearings.

**Needs Assessment.** The HUD template requires a needs assessment for the following categories: housing needs, homeless needs, non-homelessness special needs, and non-housing community development needs. An analysis of existing public housing solutions is also part of the assessment.

The housing needs assessment includes information on the number of households within Consortium jurisdictions with housing problems, as defined by HUD<sup>14</sup>. The identified housing problems are:

- 1) Substandard housing: units lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities;
- 2) Overcrowded: households in which there is more than one person per room;
- 3) Severe overcrowding; households in which there are more than 1.5 people per room;
- 4) Housing cost burden: households that spend more than 30 percent of their income on housing costs;
- 5) Severe housing cost burden: households that spend more than 50 percent of their income on housing costs.

The 2016-2020 data indicate that 34 percent of households within the Consortium experienced at least one housing problem. Housing problems are shown to be more common for renters than for owners; 49 percent of renters experienced at least one housing problem, whereas this figure was 25 percent for owners. The most common housing problem, for both renters and owners, was the cost burden.

While all demographics experience housing cost burden, Pacific Islander, Black or African American, elderly, and small family households are overrepresented in the data. Elderly households experience severe cost burden at the greatest percentage in all income categories.

The King County Housing Authority (KCHA) and the Renton Housing Authority (RHA) serve low-income residents living in the Consortium with housing assistance. The combined portfolio of these organizations include: 2,416 public housing units, 2,729 project-based vouchers, and 12,705 tenant-based vouchers. There are additional special purpose vouchers for veterans' affairs supportive housing, family unification program, and people with disabilities. KCHA's voucher waitlist includes 1,350 people seeking housing assistance and the public housing waitlist includes more than 22,000

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<sup>14</sup> [https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/cp/CHAS/bg\\_chas.html](https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/cp/CHAS/bg_chas.html)

households and is temporarily closed. RHA does not maintain a public housing waitlist and they are not accepting new applications for vouchers.

The homeless needs assessment uses information from the 2023 Point in Time (PIT) count, conducted by KCRHA, as well as the HMIS data. In 2023, there were 2,248 people experiencing homelessness that were residing in a shelter in the Consortium. KCRHA was not able to differentiate the Consortium data from the PIT data on unsheltered homelessness, so the estimates used in this section represent unsheltered homelessness for all of King County, including Seattle. There were 14,149 people experiencing homelessness on a given night in 2023 across King County. Of these individuals, 6,464 were sheltered (46 percent) and 7,685 were unsheltered (54 percent).

**Market Analysis.** The market analysis includes a study of the general housing market, public and assisted housing, homeless facilities and services, special needs facilities, and other community development.

The data from the market analysis indicate that the current availability of housing units does not meet the needs of the population. The Consortium will need an additional 196,627 units by 2044 to meet projected demand and over 60 percent of the units need to be affordable to households earning less than 80 percent area median income (AMI).

Between 2012 and 2022, across all of King County, median home value increased 96 percent and median contract rent increased by 86 percent. Within the Consortium, only 29 percent of rental units are affordable to households earning less than 50 percent AMI, lending to the cost burden discussion in the needs assessment. Additionally, a portion (39 percent) of the people living in units affordable to households earning less than 30 percent AMI have incomes above that, indicating that there is a mismatch between income categories of occupants and the income to afford the units.

**Strategic Plan.** The Consortium intends to further the following primary goals:

- *Goal 1 – Increase Affordable Housing:* The Consortium will work to preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing by funding activities such as developing new rental and homeowner housing units, preserving existing rental units, and providing housing repairs for income-eligible homeowners and renters. The Consortium will plan for and support fair housing strategies and initiatives designed to affirmatively further fair housing choice, increase access to housing and housing programs, and reduce discrimination towards protected classes.
- *Goal 2 – Prevent and Mitigate Homelessness:* The Consortium will support public service activities that prevent homelessness and reduce the number of households experiencing homelessness by funding activities such as rapid rehousing, emergency shelter, diversion, and housing stability programs. The Consortium will engage in planning, activities, and initiatives to reduce homelessness in collaboration with the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA), Washington State, and local jurisdictions.
- *Goal 3 – Enhance Community and Economic Development:* The Consortium will support investments across the County in low-income communities to promote access to thriving, connected, and inclusive communities by funding activities



such as infrastructure improvements, sidewalks, community center rehabilitation, economic development, microenterprise programs, and other non-housing public services.

The goals identified above have not changed significantly from the previous Consolidated Plan, though the proposed update has added new language and added information to explain the Consortium's role in advancing the goals. For example, Goal 2 of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan identifies the Consortium's intention to support activities that prevent homelessness through specific activities like rapid re-housing, emergency shelters, and others.

**Goal outcomes.** The proposed Consolidated Plan includes outcomes the Consortium hopes to achieve throughout the life of the Plan and how much funding will be allocated to each goal, as determined by the Consortium. Table 3 shows a summary of the funding allocations and anticipated goal outcomes. The progress towards the goals and outcomes will be tracked through the CAPER and Action Plan submittals.

**Table 3. Goals of the Plan**

Goal	Funding <sup>15</sup>	Goal Outcomes
Increase Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$7,125,000  HOME: \$17,000,000	1) Rental units constructed: 40 2) Rental units rehabilitated: 10 3) Homeowner housing units added: 20 4) Homeowner housing units rehabilitated: 715
Prevent and Mitigate Homelessness	CDBG: \$4,275,000 ESG: \$1,375,000	1) People assisted by emergency overnight shelter: 5,000 2) People assisted by homeless prevention: 1,250 3) Households assisted by homelessness diversion: 5,000
Enhance Community and Economic Development	CDBG: \$17,100,000	1) People assisted by public facilities / infrastructure activities (other than low- and moderate- income housing): 125,000 2) Businesses assisted: 600 3) People assisted by public service activities other than low- / moderate-income housing: 2,000

According to Executive staff, the goal outcomes are based on the previous five-year average of persons or households served. They only reflect the federally funded units and do not include the units leveraged by other funds.

A discontinuity was found between the values of the goal outcomes in the Executive Summary of the Consolidated Plan and the table in the body of the plan,

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<sup>15</sup> The values reflect the total estimated values for annual entitlement amounts, as well as approximately \$3,000,000 in program income generated by CDBG and HOME activities.

Table 58. The correct values are shown in Table 3 of this report. Executive staff have agreed to address the erroneous values before the submission to HUD.

**Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.** HUD requires grant recipients to conduct an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) in order to maintain their obligations to “affirmatively further fair housing.”<sup>16</sup> The AI includes information on the potential impediments within a given jurisdiction and assesses prior and current actions that further fair housing.

At the time of this staff report, the AI had not been finalized. According to Executive staff, it is expected to be transmitted mid-March and does not require Council action.

**Timing Considerations.** In order to promptly secure funding from HUD, the Consolidated Plan needs to be adopted and ready to submit. DCHS expects to receive the grants from HUD as soon as April 2025 and must submit the Consolidated Plan within 60 days of receiving the annual amounts. This means that Proposed Ordinance 2025-0030 should be passed out of the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee at the March 4, 2025, meeting to be acted on in Full Council on March 18, 2025, or March 25, 2018, to avoid an issue with receiving block grant funding.

### **INVITED**

- Kristin Pula, Acting Deputy Director, Housing and Community Development Division, Department of Community and Human Services

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Ordinance 2025-0030
2. Transmittal Letter
3. Fiscal Note

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<sup>16</sup> Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. 3608 and Executive Order 12892.



Signature Report

Ordinance

Proposed No. 2025-0073.1

Sponsors Balducci

1 AN ORDINANCE amending the King County Doors Open  
2 Program implementation plan, required by Ordinance  
3 19710, Section 9; amending Ordinance 19868, Section 1, as  
4 amended, and repealing Ordinance 19868, Attachment B.

5 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

6 SECTION 1. Findings:

7 A. Cultural organizations continue to experience financial hardship as a result of  
8 the COVID-19 pandemic. Expedited financial support through the one-time operating  
9 support program funded by 2024 Doors Open proceeds is essential, both to their survival  
10 as well as growth, and to prevent further losses in the cultural sector.

11 B. In Ordinance 19867, the council expressed its interest to distribute not less  
12 than 95 percent of the Doors Open proceeds collected in 2024 to cultural organizations in  
13 the form of one-time capital and operating support grants.

14 C. It is the intent of the council that the cultural organizations, selected in  
15 accordance with Ordinance 19710, Section 4.A.2. to receive the 2024 one-time operating  
16 support grants, receive these grant moneys in a one-time payment as expeditiously as  
17 possible and no later than by the end of the second quarter of 2025.

18 D. In order to effectuate the council's intent, amendments to the Doors Open  
19 implementation plan are necessary.

20            SECTION 2. Ordinance 19868, Section 1, as amended, is amended to read as  
21 follows:

22            The Doors Open Program Implementation Plan for 2024-2031, ((dated November  
23 20, 2024)) February 12, 2025, Attachment ((B)) C to ((Ordinance 19868)) this ordinance  
24 (Proposed Ordinance 2025-0073) is hereby approved to govern the expenditure of the

- 25 cultural access sales and use tax proceeds as authorized under Ordinance 19710.
- 26 SECTION 3. Attachment B to Ordinance 19868 is repealed.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

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Dow Constantine, County Executive

**Attachments:** C. Doors Open Implementation Plan, February 12, 2025



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4CULTURE.ORG

*In an effort to save paper, rather than print out the 66 pages that make up 2025-0073 C, we have created a direct link, please click on the **Green** title below:*

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## King County

# Metropolitan King County Council Regional Policy Committee

### STAFF REPORT

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	4	<b>Name:</b>	Gene Paul
<b>Proposed No.:</b>	2025-0073	<b>Date:</b>	March 12, 2025

### SUBJECT

Proposed Ordinance 2025-0073 would amend the Implementation Plan for the Doors Open cultural access program.

### SUMMARY

In December 2024, 4Culture announced the first round of Doors Open funding.<sup>1</sup> The Sustained Support operating grants were announced as three-year grant awards that combined the 2024 one-time operating support program with the first two years of the multi-year Doors Open Sustained Support program. Besides the combination of the one-time 2024 program with the multi-year program, the grant award announcement also identified that tax proceeds collected in 2024 would fund the 2025 grants. Because the Doors Open Implementation Plan requires cultural organizations to have a contract with a scope of services and to submit invoices for reimbursement after completing portions of that scope of services before they could receive funding, Council staff identified that there would likely be a timing concern with distributing the 2024 tax proceeds in time for cultural organizations to stave off any current financial challenges.

Proposed Ordinance 2025-0073 would amend the Implementation Plan to establish a new contract and payment process for the 2024 one-time operating support that would allow for advance payment of the 2024 proceeds, require 4Culture to distribute those payments by the end of the second quarter of 2025, and establish new reporting requirements for 4Culture regarding its success on contracting with grant awardees and distributing payments for 2024 proceeds.

### BACKGROUND

**Doors Open.** In December 2023, King County enacted the Doors Open cultural access program.<sup>2</sup> The Doors Open program was created to provide grant funding to arts, heritage, science, and historical preservation non-profit organizations to increase the

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<sup>1</sup> 4Culture Press Release ([Link](#))

public benefits that cultural organizations provide throughout King County. The program includes funding to:

- provide grants for capital and one-time operating support in 2024;
- provide operating support to cultural organizations;
- increase access to cultural programming for public school children;
- provide free public access to cultural experiences;
- build and maintain cultural facilities and equipment;
- help launch new cultural organizations; and
- expand the reach of cultural organizations serving vulnerable populations and located in geographical areas that need additional cultural capacity.

The Doors Open program is administered by 4Culture, King County's Cultural Development Authority, with oversight by the 4Culture Board of Directors and the King County Council. The program is funded through a 0.1% sales tax for seven years beginning in April 2024. Revenues for the program were forecasted to be approximately \$69 million for 2024 and then \$100 million annually.<sup>3</sup>

**Implementation Plan.** The legislation implementing Doors Open required transmittal of an implementation plan to be referred to the Regional Policy Committee (RPC) and approved by the Council. The Implementation Plan was required to include program descriptions, guidelines for eligible expenditures, criteria for awarding proceeds, a public benefit reporting framework, a description of the grant award process, a description of the contract and payment process, an outreach and technical assistance plan, and details about a required Doors Open program assessment report. The Implementation Plan was approved by the Council in November 2024.<sup>4</sup>

**Increased Allocations for 2024 one-time programs.** In addition to approving the Implementation Plan, the Council also adopted legislation to increase the allocation to the one-time capital and one-time operating support programs funded by 2024 tax proceeds.<sup>5</sup> This allocation, originally set to 67% of 2024 proceeds in the Doors Open ordinance, was increased to up to 95% of 2024 proceeds. This larger allocation was a recognition that enhanced financial support for cultural organizations in 2024 was needed to ensure those organizations could survive and to prevent further losses in the cultural sector.

**4Culture grant awards.** In December 2024, 4Culture announced the first round of Doors Open funding.<sup>6</sup> The Sustained Support operating grants were announced as three-year grant awards that combined the 2024 one-time operating support proceeds with the first two years of the multi-year Doors Open Sustained Support program.

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<sup>2</sup> Ordinance 19710

<sup>3</sup> King County Office of Economic and Financial Analysis's August 2024 forecast ([Link](#))

<sup>4</sup> Ordinance 19868

<sup>5</sup> Ordinance 19867

<sup>6</sup> 4Culture Press Release ([Link](#))



4Culture staff expressed that this decision was made to reduce applicant burden since organizations that applied for the 2024 one-time program in September 2024 would likely have to apply again in January 2025 for the multi-year program if the two operating support programs were kept separate. 4Culture staff also indicated that combining the grant awards would meet the target timeline in the Implementation Plan of notifying cultural organizations of 2026 funding awards prior to July 2025.

Besides the combination of the one-time 2024 program with the multi-year program, the grant award announcement also identified that tax proceeds collected in 2024 would fund the 2025 grants. Because the Implementation Plan requires cultural organizations to have a contract with a scope of services and to submit invoices for reimbursement after completing portions of that scope of services before they could receive funding, Council staff identified that there would likely be a timing concern with distributing the 2024 tax proceeds in time for cultural organizations to stave off any current financial challenges.

## **ANALYSIS**

Proposed Ordinance 2025-0073 would amend the Implementation Plan to:

- Update the description of the Sustained Support programs;
- Modify the Contract and Payment Process section;
- Establish a new Contract and Payment Process section for 2024 One-Time Operating Support;
- Establish new reporting requirements for 2024 One-Time Operating Support funded grants.

**Updated description of Sustained Support programs.** The proposed update to the Implementation Plan would amend the overview of the 2024 One-Time Operating Support, Lodging Tax-funded Sustained Support, and Doors Open-funded Sustained Support programs.<sup>7</sup> The Implementation Plan previously described these as having a one-time annual application for the 2024 program, a one-time annual application for the 2024 Lodging Tax-funded Sustained Support program, and a triennial application process for Sustained Support from 2025 onward. The proposed update would remove this description and insert an update that the application process from the Fall of 2024 led to three-year grant awards. The first of the three years would be supported by the 2024 One-Time Operating Support program, and the contracts and payments for the first year would have separate provisions that would allow for distributions of one-time payments by the end of the second quarter of 2025. The remaining two years would be subject to the contract and reimbursement payment process established in the Implementation Plan.

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<sup>7</sup> The proposed amendment begins on line 161 of the Redline of the Implementation Plan, Attachment 2

**New Contract and Payment Process for 2024 One-Time Operating Support.** The proposed amendment would modify the Contract and Payment Process section of the Implementation Plan to provide that the contracts and payments for the 2024 One-Time Operating Support would be completed through a different process. The proposed amendment would also add a new section to the plan describing the different contract and payment process.<sup>8</sup> The new section would delineate that contracts with the awardees for the one-time support would be based on the services and public benefits described in the September 2024 applications. The contracts would allow for awardees to receive advance payment from 2024 tax proceeds for those services and public benefits. The contracts would also include reporting requirements to support 4Culture's accountability audits and program evaluation needs. Finally, the contracts would include 4Culture's right to recoup all or part of the advance payments and to withhold future payments if the contract terms are not met.

**New Reporting Requirements.** The proposed amendment to the Implementation Plan would require two new reports from 4Culture regarding 2024 One-Time Operating Support grants.<sup>9</sup> The first report would describe 4Culture's success in meeting the expectation that contracts with awardees have been issued by March 31, 2025. That report would provide details for each awardee as to whether a contract has been issued and fully executed or what steps 4Culture and the awardees have taken if the contract has not been issued. That report would be submitted to the Council by April 30, 2025.

The second report would describe 4Culture's success in meeting the expectation that payments to awardees have been made by June 30, 2025. This report would provide payment amounts and date of issuance for each awardee. For any payment not made, the report would provide the amount outstanding, reasons for not being issued, and steps that are being taken to complete the payment. This report would be submitted by July 31, 2025.

**Review Schedule.** The proposed ordinance was referred as a mandatory dual referral to the Committee of the Whole and then the Regional Policy Committee. On February 25, 2025, the Committee of the Whole sent the proposed ordinance to the RPC with a "Do Pass" recommendation. Table 1 provides the anticipated legislative schedule for this item.

**Table 1. PO 2025-0073 Legislative Review Schedule**

Action	Committee/Council	Date
Introduction and referral	Full Council	February 18 <sup>th</sup>
Discussion & Action	COW	February 25 <sup>th</sup>
Discussion/Possible Action	RPC	March 12 <sup>th</sup>

<sup>8</sup> The proposed amendment begins on line 811 of the Redline Implementation Plan, Attachment 2.

<sup>9</sup> The proposed amendment begins on line 1798 of the Redline Implementation Plan, Attachment 2.

<b>Possible Final Action</b>	Full Council	March 18 <sup>th</sup> (if expedited) March 25 <sup>th</sup> (regular course)
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### **INVITED**

- Brian Carter, Executive Director, 4Culture
- Claire Miccio, Government and Community Relations Manager, 4Culture

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Ordinance 2025-0073 (and its attachment)
2. FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY: Redline copy of Implementation Plan with proposed updates shown as track changes



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

### Ordinance

**Proposed No.** 2025-0004.2

**Sponsors** Upthegrove

1           AN ORDINANCE concurring with the recommendation of  
2           the hearing examiner to approve, subject to conditions, the  
3           application for public benefit rating system assessed  
4           valuation for open space submitted by Ernest and Loralynn  
5           Antin for property located at 24233 SE 164th Street,  
6           Issaquah WA, designated department of natural resources  
7           and parks, water and land resources division file no.  
8           E24CT008.

9           BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

10          SECTION 1. This ordinance does hereby adopt and incorporate herein as its  
11          findings and conclusions the findings and conclusions contained in Attachment A to this  
12          ordinance, the report and recommendation of the hearing examiner dated February 4,  
13          2025, to approve subject to conditions, the application for public benefit rating system  
14          assessed valuation for open space submitted by Ernest and Loralynn Antin for property  
15          located at 24233 SE 164th Street, Issaquah WA, designated department of natural  
16          resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E24CT008. The council

17 does hereby adopt as its action the recommendation or recommendations contained in the  
18 examiner's report.

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KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** A. Hearing Examiner Report Dated February 4, 2025

February 4, 2025

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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE  
METROPOLITAN KING COUNTY COUNCIL**

SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources and Parks file no. **E24CT008**  
Proposed ordinance no. **2025-0004**  
Parcel no. **272306-9001**

**ERNEST AND LORALYNN ANTIN**

Open Space Taxation Application (Public Benefit Rating System)

Location: 24233 SE 164th Street, Issaquah WA

Applicants: **Ernest and Loralynn Antin**  
24233 SE 164th Street  
Issaquah, WA 98027  
Telephone: (206) 778-3014  
Email: 7antins@gmail.com

King County: Department of Natural Resources and Parks  
*represented by* **Bill Bernstein**  
201 S. Jackson Street Suite 5601  
Seattle, WA 98104  
Telephone: (206) 477-4643  
Email: bill.bernstein@kingcounty.gov

**SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Department's Recommendation: Approve 4.35 acres for 50% of assessed value  
Conditionally approve an additional 1.6 acres, also at 50%  
of assessed value

Examiner's Recommendation: Approve 4.35 acres for 50% of assessed value  
Conditionally approve an additional 1.6 acres, also at 50% of  
assessed value

## PRELIMINARY REPORT:

On January 9, 2025, the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) submitted its report on file no. E24CT008 to the Examiner.

## PUBLIC HEARING:

After reviewing the preliminary report and examining available information on file with the application, the Examiner conducted a remote public hearing on the application on January 23, 2025.

Participants at the public hearing and the exhibits offered and entered are listed in the attached minutes. A verbatim recording of the hearing is available in the Hearing Examiner's Office.

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

### 1. General Information:

Owners:	Ernest and Loralynn Antin 24233 SE 164th Street Issaquah, WA 98027
Location:	24233 SE 164th Street, Issaquah WA
STR:	NE 23-27-06
Zoning:	RA5
Parcel no:	272306-9001
Total acreage:	10.90 acres

2. The Applicants timely filed an application to King County for the Public Benefit Rating System (PBRS) program current use valuation of the property to begin in 2025. As required by law, notification of the application occurred.
3. The Applicants have already completed an approved forest stewardship plan. They are entitled to the five points that come with the forest stewardship land category for the currently forested/managed portion of their property. Five points reduces the assessed valuation for those 4.35 acres by 50%. (Enrollment acreage is the entire parcel less the excluded area, as calculated by DNRP. In the event the County Assessor's official parcel size is revised, the PBRS acreage shall be administratively adjusted to reflect that change.)
4. The twist here is that the Applicants would like to enroll at least a portion of the bottom 1.60 acres of their property, also by the forest stewardship land category. However, that is the area through which Bonneville Power Administration runs transmission lines and has an easement. Given Bonneville's normal requirements to "keep these rights-of-way clear of trees [and] brush," to maintain at least 25 feet of [vertical] clearance from the top of any vegetation to the wires' lowest point, and to maintain 50 feet of [horizontal] clearance from even the base of the poles—explicitly including free from vegetation—it would seem an uphill climb for any applicant to carve out the "contiguous forestland"

required to meet the forest stewardship land category. But there is no reason not to allow Applicants to give it a chance if they wish to.

5. If, by **December 1, 2025**, the Applicants provide DNRP with (a) a plan to restore and reforest that area within the following three years and (b) written documentation from Bonneville supporting that work, DNRP may administratively award forest stewardship land category credit for those areas, bringing that area into the program.
6. Approval of five points and a current use valuation of 50% of assessed value for 4.35 acres, and conditional approval of 1.6 additional acres at the same valuation, are consistent with KCC Chapter 20.36 and with the purposes and intent of King County to maintain, preserve, conserve, and otherwise continue in existence adequate open space lands and to assure the use and enjoyment of natural resources and scenic beauty for the economic and social well-being of King County and its citizens.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

1. APPROVE a current use valuation of 50% of assessed value for the 4.35-acre enrolled portion of the property.
2. CONDITIONALLY APPROVE a current use valuation of 50% for up to an additional 1.6 acres if, by **December 1, 2025**, the Applicants provide DNRP with (a) a plan to restore and reforest that area within the following three years and (b) written documentation from Bonneville supporting that work.

DATED February 4, 2025.



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David Spohr  
King County Hearing Examiner



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## MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2025, HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF ERNEST AND LORALYNN ANTIN, FILE NO. E24CT008

David Spohr was the Hearing Examiner in this matter. Bill Bernstein participated in the hearing.

The following exhibits were offered and entered into the hearing record:

Exhibit no. 1	DNRP report to the Hearing Examiner
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Exhibit no. 3	Legal notice and introductory ordinance to the King County Council
Exhibit no. 4	Arcview/orthophotograph and aerial map
Exhibit no. 5	Application signed and notarized



# KING COUNTY

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## Signature Report

### Ordinance

**Proposed No.** 2025-0005.3

**Sponsors** Upthegrove

1           AN ORDINANCE concurring with the recommendation of  
2           the hearing examiner to approve, subject to conditions, the  
3           application for public benefit rating system assessed  
4           valuation for open space submitted by Elena Zakharova and  
5           Kiril Van Orman for property located at 515 286th Avenue  
6           SE, Fall City, WA, designated department of natural  
7           resources and parks, water and land resources division file  
8           no. E24CT002.

9           BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

10          SECTION 1. This ordinance does hereby adopt and incorporate herein as its  
11 findings and conclusions the findings and conclusions contained in Attachment A to this  
12 ordinance, the report and recommendation of the hearing examiner dated February 4,  
13 2025, to approve subject to conditions, the application for public benefit rating system  
14 assessed valuation for open space submitted by Elena Zakharova and Kiril Van Orman  
15 for property located at 515 286th Avenue SE, Fall City, WA, designated department of  
16 natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E24CT002. The

- 17 council does hereby adopt as its action the recommendation or recommendations  
18 contained in the examiner's report.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** A. Hearing Examiner Report Dated February 4, 2025

February 4, 2025

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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE  
METROPOLITAN KING COUNTY COUNCIL**

SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources and Parks file no. **E24CT002**  
Proposed ordinance no. **2025-0005**  
Parcel no. **312507-9052**

**ELENA ZAKHAROVA AND KIRIL VAN ORMAN**

Open Space Taxation Application (Public Benefit Rating System)

Location: 515 286th Avenue SE, Fall City

Applicants: **Elena Zakharova and Kiril Van Orman**  
515 286th Avenue SE  
Fall City, WA 98024  
Telephone: (425) 406-0748  
Email: tokarevkiril2@gmail.com

King County: Department of Natural Resources and Parks  
*represented by* **Bill Bernstein**  
201 S. Jackson Street  
Suite 5601  
Seattle, WA 98104  
Telephone: (206) 477-4643

**SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Department's Recommendation: Approve 3.38 acres for 50% of assessed value  
Conditionally approve 3.38 acres for 40% of assessed value

Examiner's Recommendation: Approve 3.38 acres for 50% of assessed value  
Conditionally approve 3.38 acres for 40% of assessed value

## PRELIMINARY REPORT:

On January 9, 2025, the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) submitted its report on file no. E24CT002 to the Examiner.

## PUBLIC HEARING:

After reviewing the preliminary report and examining available information on file with the application, the Examiner conducted a remote public hearing on the application on January 23, 2025.

Participants at the public hearing and the exhibits offered and entered are listed in the attached minutes. A verbatim recording of the hearing is available in the Hearing Examiner's Office.

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

1. General Information:  
Owners: Elena Zakharova and Kiril Van Orman  
515 286th Avenue SE  
Fall City, WA 98024  
  
Location: 515 286th Avenue SE, Fall City  
STR: SE 31-25-07  
Zoning: RA5  
Parcel no: 312507-9052  
Total acreage: 4.78 acres
2. The Applicants timely filed an application to King County for the Public Benefit Rating System (PBRs) program current use valuation of the property to begin in 2025. As required by law, notification of the application occurred.
3. A summary of relevant PBRs categories follows below. (Plain text represents a category an applicant requested an award for and that DNRP agrees is warranted. Any ~~striketrough~~ represents a category an applicant requested an award for but that DNRP disagrees is warranted. Any *italics* represents a category an applicant did not request an award for, but that DNRP nonetheless concludes is warranted. And any *\*asterisk\** represents a category where DNRP finds an award is warranted, but only if certain contingencies or conditions are met.)

PBRS categories:	<u>Open Space Resources</u>	
	<i>Buffer to public or current use classified land</i>	3
	<del>Forest stewardship land</del>	0
	<del>Rural open space</del>	0
	<del>Rural stewardship land</del>	0
	<del>Significant wildlife or salmonid habitat</del>	0
	<del>Special animal site</del>	0
	<i>Watershed protection area</i>	5
	<u>Bonus Categories</u>	
	<i>*Resource restoration</i>	*
	<del>Unlimited public access</del>	0
	Total	8

The DNRP-recommended score of eight points results in a current use valuation of 50% of assessed value for the enrolled portion of the property.

4. Additional credit may be awarded administratively under the resource restoration category, subject to submittal to DNRP of a resource restoration plan by **November 1, 2025**, and DNRP approval of that plan by **December 31, 2025**. Award of credit under this category will increase the point total by five points, resulting in a current use valuation of 40% of assessed value for the enrolled portion of the property.
5. As to the land area recommended for PBRS enrollment, the Applicants requested 3.00 acres and DNRP recommends 3.38 acres. (Enrollment acreage is the entire parcel less the excluded area, as calculated by DNRP. In the event the County Assessor's official parcel size is revised, the PBRS acreage shall be administratively adjusted to reflect that change.)
6. Except as modified herein, we find the facts set forth in DNRP's preliminary report and testimony at the January 23, 2025, public hearing correct and we incorporate them by reference. We will provide copies of this report and DNRP's report to the Metropolitan King County Council for final approval.
7. Approval of eight points and a current use valuation of 50% of assessed value for 3.38 acres, and conditional approval of five additional points and 40% of assessed value for 3.38 acres, are consistent with KCC Chapter 20.36 and with the purposes and intent of King County to maintain, preserve, conserve, and otherwise continue in existence adequate open space lands and to assure the use and enjoyment of natural resources and scenic beauty for the economic and social well-being of King County and its citizens.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. APPROVE a current use valuation of 50% of assessed value for the 3.38-acre enrolled portion of the property.
2. CONDITIONALLY APPROVE additional credit for the resource restoration category, subject to submittal to DNRP of a resource restoration plan by **November 1, 2025**, and DNRP approval of that plan by **December 31, 2025**. Award of credit under this category will increase resulting in a current use valuation of 40% of assessed value for the 3.38-acre enrolled portion of the property.

DATED February 4, 2025.



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David Spohr  
King County Hearing Examiner

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**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2025, HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF  
ELENA ZAKHAROVA AND KIRIL VAN ORMAN, FILE NO. E24CT002**

David Spohr was the Hearing Examiner in this matter. Bill Bernstein participated in the hearing.

The following exhibits were offered and entered into the hearing record:

Exhibit no. 1	DNRP report to the Hearing Examiner
Exhibit no. 2	<i>Reserved for future submission of the affidavit of hearing publication</i>
Exhibit no. 3	Legal notice and introductory ordinance to the King County Council
Exhibit no. 4	Arcview/orthophotograph and aerial map
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## Signature Report

### Ordinance

**Proposed No.** 2025-0006.2

**Sponsors** Upthegrove

1           AN ORDINANCE concurring with the recommendation of  
2           the hearing examiner to approve, subject to conditions, the  
3           application for public benefit rating system assessed  
4           valuation for open space submitted by Yasuhiro and  
5           Dorothy Matsui for property located at 6403 206th Place  
6           NE, Redmond, WA, designated department of natural  
7           resources and parks, water and land resources division file  
8           no. E24CT007.

9           BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

10          SECTION 1. This ordinance does hereby adopt and incorporate herein as its  
11 findings and conclusions the findings and conclusions contained in Attachment A to this  
12 ordinance, the report and recommendation of the hearing examiner dated February 4,  
13 2025, to approve subject to conditions, the application for public benefit rating system  
14 assessed valuation for open space submitted by Yasuhiro and Dorothy Matsui for  
15 property located at 6403 206th Place NE, Redmond, WA, designated department of  
16 natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E24CT007. The

- 17 council does hereby adopt as its action the recommendation or recommendations  
18 contained in the examiner's report.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE  
METROPOLITAN KING COUNTY COUNCIL**

SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources and Parks file no. **E24CT007**  
Proposed ordinance no. **2025-0006**  
Parcel no. **082506-9037**

**YASUHIRO AND DOROTHY MATSUI**

Open Space Taxation Application (Public Benefit Rating System)

Location: 6403 206th Place NE, Redmond, WA

Applicants: **Yasuhiro and Dorothy Matsui**

6403 206 Place NE

Redmond, WA 98053

Telephone: (425) 466-9123

Email: [drmatsui@gmail.com](mailto:drmatsui@gmail.com)

King County: Department of Natural Resources and Parks

*represented by* **Bill Bernstein**

201 S. Jackson Street

Suite 5601

Seattle, WA 98104

Telephone: (206) 477-4643

**SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Department's Recommendation:

Approve 3.57 acres for 50% of assessed value

Examiner's Recommendation:

Approve 3.57 acres for 50% of assessed value

## PRELIMINARY REPORT:

On January 9, 2025, the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) submitted its report on file no. E24CT007 to the Examiner.

## PUBLIC HEARING:

After reviewing the preliminary report and examining available information on file with the application, the Examiner conducted a remote public hearing on the application on January 23, 2025.

Participants at the public hearing and the exhibits offered and entered are listed in the attached minutes. A verbatim recording of the hearing is available in the Hearing Examiner's Office.

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

1. General Information:
 

Owners:	Yasuhiro and Dorot Matsui 6403 206 Place NE Redmond, WA 98053
Location:	6403 206th Place NE, Redmond, WA
STR:	SE 08-25-06
Zoning:	RA5
Parcel no:	082506-9037
Total acreage:	5.07 acres
2. The Applicants timely filed an application to King County for the Public Benefit Rating System (PBRS) program current use valuation of the property to begin in 2025. As required by law, notification of the application occurred.
3. A summary of relevant PBRS categories follows below. (Plain text represents a category an applicant requested an award for and that DNRP agrees is warranted. Any ~~strike through~~ represents a category an applicant requested an award for but that DNRP disagrees is warranted. Any *italics* represents a category an applicant did not request an award for, but that DNRP nonetheless concludes is warranted. And any \*asterisk\* represents a category where DNRP finds an award is warranted, but only if certain contingencies or conditions are met.)

PBRS categories:	<u>Open Space Resources</u>	
	<del>Aquifer protection area</del>	0
	<i>Buffer to public or current use classified land</i>	3
	<del>Rural open space</del>	0
	<del>Significant plant or ecological site</del>	0
	*Significant wildlife or salmonid habitat	*
	<del>Special animal site</del>	0
	<del>Surface water quality buffer</del>	0
	<i>Watershed protection area</i>	5
	<u>Bonus Categories</u>	
	<del>Contiguous parcels under separate ownership</del>	0
	Total	8

The DNRP-recommended score of eight points results in a current use valuation of 50% of assessed value for the enrolled portion of the property.

4. Additional credit may be awarded administratively under the significant wildlife or salmonid habitat category, subject to submittal, by **September 1, 2025**, of documentation, including written support by a qualified expert, of a state- or county-listed species. Award of credit under this category will increase the point total by five points, resulting in a current use valuation of 40% of assessed value for the enrolled portion of the property.
5. As to the land area recommended for PBRS enrollment, the Applicants requested 3.50-4.00 acres and DNRP recommends 3.57 acres. (Enrollment acreage is the entire parcel less the excluded area, as calculated by DNRP. In the event the County Assessor's official parcel size is revised, the PBRS acreage shall be administratively adjusted to reflect that change.)
6. Except as modified herein, we find the facts set forth in DNRP's preliminary report and testimony at the January 23, 2025, public hearing correct and we incorporate them by reference. We will provide copies of this report and DNRP's report to the Metropolitan King County Council for final approval.
7. Approval of eight points and a current use valuation of 50% of assessed value for 3.57 acres, and conditional approval of five additional points and 40% of assessed value for 3.57 acres, are consistent with KCC Chapter 20.36 and with the purposes and intent of King County to maintain, preserve, conserve, and otherwise continue in existence adequate open space lands and to assure the use and enjoyment of natural resources and scenic beauty for the economic and social well-being of King County and its citizens.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. APPROVE a current use valuation of 50% of assessed value for the 3.57-acre enrolled portion of the property.
2. CONDITIONALLY APPROVE additional credit for the significant wildlife or salmonid habitat category, subject to submittal, by **September 1, 2025**, of documentation, including written support by a qualified expert, of a state- or county-listed species. Award of credit under this category will increase the point total by five points, resulting in a current use valuation of 40% of assessed value for the enrolled portion of the property.

DATED February 4, 2025.



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David Spohr  
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## Signature Report

### Motion

**Proposed No.** 2024-0008.1

**Sponsors** Balducci

1                   A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the new pandemic  
2                   response plan required by Motion 15650.

3                   WHEREAS, Motion 15650 requires the executive to transmit a new pandemic  
4 response plan, and

5                   WHEREAS, the motion further requires the executive to submit a motion that  
6 acknowledges receipt of the plan;

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



8           The receipt of the new pandemic response plan, which is Attachment A to this  
9 motion, in compliance with Motion 15650 is hereby acknowledged.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** A. Motion 15650 Updated Pandemic Influenza Response Plan Report, including a New Biological Incident Response Annex and COVID-19 After Action Report

*In an effort to save paper, rather than print out the 309 pages that make up 2024-0008 A, we have created a direct link, please click (anywhere) in the blue title below:*

**Motion 15650: Updated 'Pandemic Influenza Response Plan' Report,  
including a New Biological Incident Response Annex and  
COVID-19 After Action Report**

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December 2023



**King County**



## King County

# Metropolitan King County Council Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee

## STAFF REPORT

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	5	<b>Name:</b>	Erica Newman
<b>Proposed No.:</b>	2024-0008	<b>Date:</b>	March 4, 2025

## SUBJECT

A motion acknowledging receipt of the new pandemic response plan as required by Motion 15650.

## SUMMARY

Proposed Motion 2024-0008 would acknowledge receipt of the King County Biological Incident Response Annex (Annex), formerly known as the Pandemic Influenza Response Plan<sup>1</sup>.

As required under Motion 15650, Public Health Seattle & King County created a new Pandemic Response Plan, building on the existing Pandemic Influenza Response Plan and using lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic. The new Pandemic Response Plan, known as the Annex, incorporates plans for pandemics (influenza and other viruses, such as coronaviruses) and other biological pathogens. The term “Annex” is an emergency preparedness term that refers to an operational plan and moving forward, the Annex will continue to be updated over time as science, strategies, and circumstances change or evolve.

According to the report, the recommendations were developed by the Public Health project team, community partners, stakeholders, and the consultant.

This report appears to meet the requirements as outlined under Motion 15650.

## BACKGROUND

Public Health Seattle & King County (PHSKC) is the public health department for King County, Washington which includes 39 cities, including the City of Seattle, and unincorporated areas. Public Health is one of the largest metropolitan health departments in the United States and serves over approximately 2.3 million people of King County that live in urban, rural, shoreline, foothill, and mountain communities with distinct environments and unique public health needs. King County is an international

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<sup>1</sup>“Annex” is an emergency preparedness term that refers to an operational plan.

port of entry, welcoming nearly 40 million visitors annually and serves residents that speak over 100 different languages.

The work of PHSKC includes the following:

**Disease Control.** Protecting the public through disease control functions, such as tuberculosis, HIV, and communicable disease epidemiology and immunizations.

**Health Promotion.** Promoting health by leading efforts to prevent chronic conditions and promoting healthy, equitable communities by preventing chronic conditions and injuries, ensuring the air is safe to breathe, and ensuring water and food are safe to consume.

**Equitable Access to Healthcare.** Influencing systems that enable equitable access to quality healthcare by connecting people to services and working with the healthcare system.

King County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) works in partnership with cities, counties, state and federal agencies, tribes, special purpose districts, non-profit organizations, community groups, and private businesses to develop a regional approach to emergency preparedness and emergency operations across the five mission areas of prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery. King County OEM has four priorities to include the following:

- Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Readiness
- Situational Awareness
- Public Awareness and Education
- Disaster Risk Reduction

In addition to the above priorities, King County OEM also maintains the following plans:

- Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan
- Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Regional Coordination Framework
- Continuity of Government Plans
- Pandemic Influenza Response Plan

**Ordinance 15596.** In September 2006, Council adopted Ordinance 15596 which approved the Response Plan that addressed King County's role as a regional emergency preparedness and public health provider, government services provider, and large employer. The plan included three components that consisted of a Public Health Pandemic Influenza Response Plan (PH PIRP), Continuity of Operations Plan, and a Human Resources Division Pandemic Influenza Emergency Response Manual.

**Ordinance 15986.** In December 2007, Council adopted Ordinance 15986, which accepted the updates to the King County Pandemic Influenza Response Plan. The updates were the plans outlined under Ordinance 15596, in addition to requesting the Executive to coordinate and collaborate with separately elected officials in the planning efforts.

**Motion 15650.** In July 2020, Council passed Motion 15650, which required the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to update all relevant emergency management and disaster recovery plans and documents to address pandemics and required that Public Health – Seattle & King County (PHSKC) create a pandemic response plan for King County. The motion required the plan to include the following topics:

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

- A. The office of emergency management should work with public health - Seattle & King County to update the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Regional Coordination Framework, King County continuity of operations plans, the King County Continuity of Government Plan and any other relevant emergency management or disaster plans or documents to address the threat of pandemics to King County, using the lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic and building upon the pandemic response plan described in section B of this motion.*
- B. Public health - Seattle & King County, in coordination with the King County office of emergency management, should create a new pandemic response plan and update other relevant planning documents, expanding on the existing Pandemic Influenza Response Plan and other emergency and disaster planning efforts, using lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic. The plan should include the following topics, at a minimum:*
  - 1. A response plan or plans addressing each pandemic phase identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including a description of the responsibilities of relevant governmental and nongovernmental agencies in each pandemic phase, both with and without presence of local cases;*
  - 2. Identification of critical infrastructure or resources that are currently lacking that would be required in order to respond to pandemics, the barriers to acquiring or developing the infrastructure or resources and recommendations for how to fill these gaps; and*
  - 3. Any other information or strategies deemed appropriate by public health - Seattle & King County.*
- C. The King County office of emergency management is requested to transmit all updated plans and documents described in section A of this motion, and a proposed motion acknowledging receipt of the updated plans and documents, by September 1, 2022. The plans and documents should be filed in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who will retain the original and provide an*

*electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff and the lead staff to the committee of the whole or its successor.*

*D. Public health - Seattle & King County is requested to transmit the pandemic response plan and other updated documents and a proposed motion acknowledging receipt of the pandemic response plan and other updated documents by September 1, 2022. The plan and documents should be filed in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who will retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff and the lead staff to the committee of the whole or its successor.*

*E. The King County office of emergency management and public health - Seattle & King County are requested to provide a briefing to the council on the status of the pandemic response plan and other plan updates no later than September 1, 2021.*

## **ANALYSIS**

Proposed Motion 2024-0008 would acknowledge receipt of the new pandemic response plan that was required under Motion 15650. According to the report, the recommendations were developed by the Public Health project team, community partners, stakeholders, and the consultant.

Section A of Motion 15650 reads:

***A. The office of emergency management should work with public health - Seattle & King County to update the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Regional Coordination Framework, King County continuity of operations plans, the King County Continuity of Government Plan and any other relevant emergency management or disaster plans or documents to address the threat of pandemics to King County, using the lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic and building upon the pandemic response plan described in section B of this motion.***

According to the report, this section of the proviso was not addressed in the report as this section was directed to the King County Office of Emergency Management.

Section B of Motion 15650 reads:

***B. Public health - Seattle & King County, in coordination with the King County office of emergency management, should create a new pandemic response plan and update other relevant planning documents, expanding on the existing Pandemic Influenza Response Plan and other emergency and disaster planning efforts, using lessons***

*learned from the COVID-19 pandemic. The plan should include the following topics, at a minimum:*

- 1. A response plan or plans addressing each pandemic phase identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including a description of the responsibilities of relevant governmental and nongovernmental agencies in each pandemic phase, both with and without presence of local cases.***

According to the report, Public Health's updated pandemic response plan has been renamed as the King County Biological Incident Response Annex (Annex)<sup>2</sup>. The Annex addresses each pandemic phase identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to include descriptions and responsibilities of relevant governmental and nongovernmental agencies during a pandemic.

The Table 1 below displays the pandemic phases identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and includes descriptions of the responsibilities of government and non-government entities<sup>3</sup>.

**Table 1.**  
**CDC Pandemic Phase Summary Table**

<b>CDC Pandemic Phase</b>	<b>Plan Focus</b>
Investigation	When a novel virus or other cause of a biological incident is identified and poses a health risk to humans, public health focuses on monitoring and investigation. A risk assessment of the virus is conducted to evaluate the potential to cause a pandemic.
Recognition	When increasing numbers of human cases of an illness are identified and the virus has the potential to spread from person-to-person, public health focuses on monitoring and control of the outbreak, including data collection, analysis, and reporting, and treatment of sick persons.
Initiation	A pandemic occurs when people are easily infected with a new virus that can spread from person-to-person.

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According to the transmittal letter, the new pandemic influenza response plan is now called the King County Biological Incident Response Annex, which is more comprehensive than past influenza pandemic response plans. With this broader name, the plan addresses responses to other viruses in addition to influenza, other natural causes of outbreaks, and human-caused biological incidents or outbreaks. "Annex" is an emergency preparedness term that refers to an operational plan.

<sup>3</sup> The table also shows when the response varies depending on the presence or absence of local cases.

Acceleration	There is an upward acceleration (or “speeding up”) of the epidemiological curve as the new virus infects susceptible people. Public health focuses on use of appropriate non-pharmaceutical interventions in the community (e.g., use of PPE, environmental measures and physical distancing including potential facility closures), as well as the use of medications (e.g., antivirals) and vaccines, if available. Effective implementation of these combined actions can reduce the spread of disease and prevent illness or death.
Deceleration	The deceleration stage happens when cases consistently decrease in the U.S. Public health actions include continued vaccination, monitoring the virus circulation and illness, and phasing out the use of non-pharmaceutical interventions in the community.
Preparation	When the pandemic has subsided, public health actions include continued monitoring of infectious disease activity and preparation for potential additional waves of infection. An influenza pandemic, for example, is declared ended when data show that the virus has a similar spread and severity as a seasonal influenza virus.

**Authorities and Responsibilities of Government Agencies.** The Washington State Governor, State Board of Health, State Secretary of Health, King County Executive, local Board of Health, executives of cities and towns, and the Local Health Officer each have defined authorities and responsibilities to protect the public’s health during a pandemic<sup>4</sup>. Under state law, King County’s Public Health Department has the responsibility to lead an incident response when there is health impacts involved<sup>5</sup>. This effort is called a Health and Medical Area Command (HMAC) in King County. Hospitals, clinics, providers, and other health system partners have their own set of federal requirements to fulfill during a pandemic<sup>6</sup>.

**Responsibilities of Non-Governmental Entities.** Healthcare system entities, including hospitals, clinics, providers, and other health system partners have specific

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<sup>4</sup> State and local public officials have overlapping authorities regarding protecting public health and safety, and each can implement authorities within the scope of their jurisdiction aimed at protecting the public’s health.

<sup>5</sup> RCW 70.05.070

<sup>6</sup> Appendix B (pages 46-48) of the report provide more detail regarding the powers of each authority.



responsibilities during a pandemic<sup>7</sup>. According to the report, the specific responsibilities of healthcare system entities, include the following:

- During a pandemic, employ all efforts to sustain the functionality of the healthcare system.
- Maximize the healthcare system's ability to provide medical care during a pandemic by working with the Northwest Healthcare Response Network.
- Hospitals and other healthcare facilities must develop pandemic response plans consistent with the healthcare planning guidance contained in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Pandemic Influenza Plan<sup>8</sup>.
- Hospitals may screen and or limit individuals from entering the hospital.
- Healthcare facilities and healthcare providers will participate in local influenza and when requested, novel pathogen surveillance activities.
- Hospitals will develop infection control plans to triage and isolate infectious patients and protect staff from disease transmission.

According to the report, effective coordination and collaboration among government and non-governmental agencies takes place through HMAC during an emergency response, which is described in more depth in Appendix B.

***2. Identification of critical infrastructure or resources that are currently lacking that would be required in order to respond to pandemics, the barriers to acquiring or developing the infrastructure or resources and recommendations for how to fill these gaps.***

According to the report, critical infrastructure refers to the people, supplies, systems, relationships, and other resources needed by Public Health to carry out a response. Additionally, prior evidence from local, regional, and national responses to infectious disease outbreaks, identified insufficient critical infrastructure and potential adverse consequences as the following:

- Isolation and Quarantine
- Equity and Community-centered Processes
- Guidance and Information
- Care Coordination
- Surge Staffing
- Medical Countermeasures

The report notes that when there is an insufficient critical infrastructure, such as personnel, facilities, equipment, supplies, and funding, it delays both Public Health's emergency response and partners' abilities to carry out response operations and provide support to affected communities.

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<sup>7</sup> Page 18 of the report provides more detail regarding healthcare system responsibilities.

<sup>8</sup> Healthcare facility pandemic response plans address medical surge capacity and resource management and conservation to sustain healthcare delivery and communication capabilities when routine systems are overwhelmed.

The report states that despite King County's successes around the COVID-19 pandemic, there was a lack of critical infrastructure and resources in the COVID-19 response, such as disability access, racial and ethnic representation, and overwork and responder stress. Furthermore, after emergency declarations were approved for COVID-19, authorities simplified funding, contracting, and hiring processes in an effort to facilitate a flow of resources to the response efforts. Despite these efforts, some barriers to acquiring resources for the response remained despite the availability of funds. The report identifies barriers to resources as document compliance, complex reimbursement rules, and hiring protocols, in addition to the following:

**Hiring and Onboarding Constraints.** Hiring and onboarding were critical to scaling up the workforce to meet public health response needs, however these processes faced organizational challenges. While acknowledging the unprecedented nature of the pandemic, PHSKC experienced notable administrative burdens and significant time constraints associated with filling positions. Additionally, PHSKC's front line responders were taken away from emergency response responsibilities to complete administrative hiring processes. After hiring, many new staff reported they did not receive adequate onboarding information. These barriers limited scalability and contributed to staff burnout.

**Lack of "Bridge Funding".** Bridge funding refers to local, state, or federal funding that is allocated between larger emergencies, such as pandemics. Over the years, public health as a field has often experienced a boom-and-bust cycle of funding during and immediately after emergencies. Meaning that public health emergency response funds are allocated at the start of an emergency, but funding recedes as the emergency recedes. Planning activities are among the first to be reduced during times of budget shortfalls. Pandemic and other biological incident response planning, including continuity of operations planning, merit bridge funding to ensure that robust, current, equitable, and well-informed plans are in place when most needed.

The report recommends building trust through relationships and communications; customizing emergency response actions to specific groups to prevent inequitable outcomes; improve emergency response operations by using standard processes and coordination methods and adding workforce flexibility to surge in response to pandemic peaks and crests.

### ***3. Any other information or strategies deemed appropriate by public health - Seattle & King County.***

The report encourages PHSKC to continue improvements in equitable response planning and intentional strategy design in partnership with specific populations, given the racially inequitable outcomes of COVID-19. PHSKC recommends allocating adequate funding for staff and community member compensation, so that meaningful relationships and ongoing dialogues can be developed and maintained before, during, and after pandemics with groups at higher risk of poor health outcomes.

According to the report, inequitable outcomes are due to structurally racist policies and practices in healthcare systems. The report states that if PHSKC wants to make King

County a welcoming community for all people, it is important to document inequities and continue the work towards eliminating those barriers.

As required by Motion 15650, PHSKC in partnership with OEM created this updated Annex, as it continues to implement COVID-19 prevention strategies and respond to other emergencies.

This report appears to meet the requirements of Motion 15650.

### **INVITED**

1. Nick Solari, Preparedness Director, Public Health – Seattle & King County (PHSKC)
2. Dr. Eric Chow, Interim Health Officer, PHSKC
3. Joy Carpine-Cazzanti, Government Relations, PHSKC

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Motion 2024-0008 (and its attachments)
2. Transmittal Letter



# KING COUNTY

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Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

### Motion

**Proposed No.** 2024-0228.2

**Sponsors** von Reichbauer and Mosqueda

1           A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the second annual  
2           report on the second Best Starts for Kids initiative, in  
3           accordance with Ordinance 19354.

4           WHEREAS, King County voters approved the best starts for kids levy in 2015 to  
5           fund prevention and early intervention strategies to improve the health and well-being of  
6           children, youth, families and communities, and

7           WHEREAS, Ordinance 19267, providing for the submission of a renewed best  
8           starts for kids levy to the qualified electors of King County, was adopted by the  
9           metropolitan King County council on April 20, 2021, and signed by the executive on  
10          April 30, 2021, and

11          WHEREAS, Ordinance 19267, King County voters approved King County  
12          Proposition No. 1 on August 3, 2021, authorizing a six-year renewal of the Best Starts for  
13          Kids levy to plan, provide, administer, and evaluate promotion, prevention, and early  
14          interventions and capital investments for King County children, youth, families and  
15          communities, and

16          WHEREAS, in accordance with Ordinance 19267, the executive transmitted to  
17          the council for review and adoption an implementation plan that identified the strategies  
18          to be funded, outcomes to be achieved, and framework to measure the performance of  
19          levy strategies, and

20           WHEREAS, Ordinance 19354 adopted the Best Starts for Kids Implementation  
21 Plan, dated October 13, 2021, and

22           WHEREAS, Ordinance 19267 and Ordinance 19354 require an annual report on  
23 levy expenditures, services, and outcomes to be transmitted to the council, with the first  
24 report due by July 15, 2023, and additional yearly reports to be transmitted no later than  
25 July 15 of each year through 2027, and

26           WHEREAS, the second annual report on the second Best Starts for Kids  
27 initiative, entitled 2023 Best Starts for Kids Annual Report, is submitted by the  
28 executive;

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

30           The receipt of the second annual report on the second Best Starts for Kids

- 31 initiative, entitled 2023 Best Starts for Kids Annual Report, Attachment A to this motion,  
32 in accordance with Ordinance 19354, is hereby acknowledged.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** A. 2023 Best Starts for Kids Annual Report, July 15, 2024

In an effort to save paper, rather than print out the 74 pages that make up 2024-0228 A, we have created a direct link, please click the blue title below:

## [2023 Best Starts for Kids Annual Report](#)

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July 15, 2024



# King County



## King County

# Metropolitan King County Council Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee

## STAFF REPORT

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	6	<b>Name:</b>	Miranda Leskinen
<b>Proposed No.:</b>	2024-0228.2	<b>Date:</b>	March 4, 2025

## SUBJECT

A motion acknowledging receipt of the 2023 Best Starts for Kids (BSK) annual report.

## SUMMARY

The BSK 2023 Annual Report, the second annual report for the 2022-2027 levy period, provides information on BSK financial investments made in 2023, as well as BSK performance measures and outcomes. In 2023, the report indicates that Best Starts for Kids invested more than \$129 million in the community, completed 12 competitive RFP processes, partnered with 336 community-based organizations operating 591 programs (including 187 new programs) to reach 151,919 children, young people, families, and community members across King County.

The report also links to an updated data dashboard on the Best Starts for Kids website.<sup>1</sup> The dashboard provides additional measures for Best Starts for Kids programs, customizable data views, and greater geographic and financial detail.

BSK annual reports must be provided to the Council on levy implementation throughout the 2022-2027 levy period. These reports are due no later than July 15 each year from 2023 through 2028 and reflect levy implementation for the prior calendar year.

Proposed Motion 2024-0228 is dually referred to the Regional Policy Committee (nonmandatorily) and then to the Health and Human Services Committee. The Regional Policy Committee was briefed on the report on July 31, 2024 (2024-B0094), and passed the motion, as amended to correct a typo in the proposed motion, on September 3, 2024.

Staff analysis has determined that the 2023 report meets the requirements for BSK annual reporting in Ordinance 19267.

## BACKGROUND

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<sup>B</sup>[Best Starts for Kids dashboard - King County, Washington](#)



**Best Starts for Kids.** Best Starts for Kids (BSK) is a levy-funded initiative in King County that is aimed at supporting the healthy development of children and youth, families, and communities across the county through strategic investments in promotion, prevention and early intervention programs and services. The inaugural six-year BSK Levy (approved by voters in November 2015) expired at the end of 2021.

**2022-2027 BSK Levy.** In April 2021, the King County Council approved Ordinance 19267, which placed a Best Starts for Kids (BSK) six-year renewal levy proposition on the ballot. King County voters approved the 2022-2027 BSK levy on August 3, 2021.

The 2022-2027 levy entails a first-year levy rate of \$0.19 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2022 with a three percent annual limit (growth) factor. Based on the March 2024 revenue forecast, the renewal levy is expected to generate approximately \$910.4 million over the six-year levy period.

Levy Investment Requirements. Ordinance 19267 directs that levy proceeds shall be used to:

- Promote improved health and well-being outcomes of children and youth, as well as the families and the communities in which they live;
- Prevent and intervene early on negative outcomes;
- Reduce inequities in outcomes for children and youth in the county; and
- Strengthen, improve, better coordinate, integrate, and encourage innovation in health and human services systems and the agencies, organizations, and groups addressing the needs of children and youth, their families, and their communities.

In the levy's first year (2022), after accounting for attributable election costs, 22.5 percent of first-year levy proceeds are to be allocated toward the Youth and Family Homelessness Prevention Initiative (YFHPI), a new affordable child care program, a new child care workforce demonstration project, and continuing technical assistance and capacity building programs. Allocated levy proceeds may be used to plan, provide, fund, administer, measure performance, and evaluate these programs.

In the subsequent levy years (2023-2027), it is broadly directed that the amount to be distributed to these programs be allocated so that the six-year levy investment for these purposes totals at least \$240 million including \$1 million annually for a grant program to support capacity building and developing infrastructure in areas lacking services/services infrastructure.<sup>2</sup>

Remaining levy proceeds are to be disbursed as follows to plan, provide, and administer the following:

- 50 percent for Investing Early strategies (ages 0-5)
- 37 percent for Sustain the Gain strategies (age 5 or older)
- 8 percent for Communities of Opportunity
- 5 percent for performance measurement, evaluation, and data collection; CYAB stipends; and pro-rationing mitigation (if authorized by ordinance) for applicable local metropolitan parks, fire, and public hospital districts.

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<sup>2</sup> The capacity building support grant program, per Ordinance 19267, must include support for development of new organizations and expansion of existing organizations.

The renewal levy will also invest up to \$50 million (subject to levy revenue projections<sup>3</sup>) to establish a new capital grants program for facility/building repairs and expansion and to support the construction of new buildings/facilities that will serve children and youth.

Implementation Plan. Ordinance 19267 required the Executive to transmit to the Council an implementation plan for the 2022-2027 BSK levy to govern the expenditure of levy proceeds. The plan, as required, details the strategies and programs to be funded and outcomes to be achieved with the use of the levy's proceeds and includes a framework to measure the performance of levy strategies in achieving their outcomes. Council adopted the implementation plan, as amended, in November 2021.

Results-Based Accountability. As with the initial BSK levy, the renewal levy will continue to evaluate its results beginning with Results Based Accountability (RBA) and supplement RBA with additional evaluation activities. Altogether, the implementation plan indicates the evaluation framework will utilize population indicators<sup>4</sup>, performance measurement<sup>5</sup> and in-depth evaluation<sup>6</sup>.

Levy Oversight. Levy oversight, like for the initial BSK levy, is provided by the Children and Youth Advisory Board (CYAB) and the Communities of Opportunity-Best Starts for Kids Levy Advisory Board.

Annual Reporting. Annual reports will be delivered digitally, with a notification letter transmitted to the King County Council when the report is ready for review. These reports, due no later than July 15 each year from 2023 through 2028, will cover levy expenditures, services, and outcomes for the levy for the prior calendar year and provide performance data for Investing Early, Sustain the Gain, COO, YFHPI, Child Care, Capital Grants, and Technical Assistance and Capacity Building investments. As indicated in the levy implementation plan, ZIP code-level geographic detail required by Ordinance 19267 will be phased into reports beginning with the 2022 BSK Annual Report.<sup>7</sup>

Annual reporting for the levy will also describe any changes made to strategy-level investments during the reporting period, as well as indicate whether strategy-level investments are expected to change for the subsequent reporting period or remain the same.

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<sup>3</sup> If total projected levy proceeds exceed \$822 million, the excess (up to \$50 million) would fund the capital grants program. Consequently, Ordinance 19267 directs that funding for this grant program would be subject to reduction prior to other levy program funding in the event total projected levy proceeds were to fall below \$822 million.

<sup>4</sup> Population indicators use population-level measures to identify needs, understand baseline conditions, and track trends over time. BSK strategies intend to contribute to population-level results over the long term.

<sup>5</sup> Performance measures are regular measurement of program outcomes to assess how well a levy investment or strategy is working. BSK is accountable for performance of the levy's strategies.

<sup>6</sup> Additional, in-depth evaluation activities are expected to complement performance measurement to further learning during the renewal levy in some program areas.

<sup>7</sup> Including total expenditures of levy proceeds by program area by ZIP code in King County and the number of individuals receiving levy-funded services by program area by ZIP code in King County of where the individuals reside at the time of service.

The levy's advisory boards, in accordance with the implementation plan, will consult on, and review the annual reports.

Additionally, the levy's implementation plan indicates that BSK, no later than 2027, will report on the levy's performance and outcomes in conjunction with the performance and outcomes for the Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Behavioral Health Sales Tax Fund (MIDD) and the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy (VSHSL), including whether the investments from these programs are achieving desired county population-level results or impacts monitored as part of the consolidated reporting dashboard for DCHS-administered human services.

## **ANALYSIS**

The 2022-2027 BSK Implementation Plan, consistent with Ordinance 19267, outlines requirements related to the transmittal timelines, stakeholder involvement and contents of Best Starts for Kids (BSK) annual reports. The following subsections evaluate whether the 2023 BSK Annual Report is consistent with annual reporting requirements for the levy. In sum, staff analysis has determined that the 2023 report meets the requirements for BSK annual reporting.

**Transmittal Timeline.** BSK annual reports are due no later than July 15 each year. The Executive transmitted the 2023 BSK Annual Report on July 15, 2024, thereby meeting this requirement.

**Content Requirements.** BSK annual reports must describe the programs funded and outcomes for the children, youth, families, and young adults served. Specifically, annual reports are to include:

- Annual information on levy expenditures, services, and outcomes;
- Total expenditures of levy proceeds by program area by ZIP Code in King County, with partial data to be available in the report completed in 2024 and additional data available in each subsequent report;
- The number of individuals receiving levy-funded services by program area by ZIP Code of where the individuals reside at the time of service, with partial data to be available in the first annual report in 2023 and additional data available in each subsequent report; and
- Description of any changes made, and any anticipated changes, to strategy-level investments.

Description of any changes made to strategy-level investments. In 2023, Best Starts for Kids made no changes to planned strategy-level investments. The annual report notes that any underspend in a strategy or investment area's prior annual budget that was legislatively carried forward into 2023 and future years is allocated within the same strategies and investment areas to maintain the level of commitments outlined in the levy's implementation plan.

**Review by Advisory Boards.** According to the Executive, the CYAB and COO-AB members received a draft copy of the annual report in May 2024 and the final report reflects their input and feedback.

**BSK 2023 Annual Report Highlights.** In 2023, Best Starts for Kids invested more than \$129 million in the community, completed 12 competitive RFP processes, partnered with 336 community-based organizations operating 591 programs to reach 151,919 children, young people, families, and community members across King County. Of note, the formatting for summarizing levy strategy highlights is updated for the 2023 annual report around the following five key themes that shaped BSK programming and results in 2023:

- Meeting families' needs
- Prioritizing well-being and mental health
- Cultivating opportunities for children and young people
- Strengthening the workforce
- Building community power and capacity

Table 1 provides a summary of 2023 levy expenditures, excerpted from the annual report, organized by levy investment area. Please note that the amounts shown in the '2023 Budgeted' column include approximately \$16 million in 2022 commitments that were not spent in 2022 due to implementation and strategy design of new initiatives. Most of these are in the Child Care and Capital Projects investment areas, which are new for the 2022-2027 Best Starts levy.

Also of note, the annual report indicates that 2023 funds are on track to be fully committed in 2024. Capital Projects anticipates having funds allocated in contracts by the end of 2024, but some funds may need to be expended later subject to project complexity. In addition, the annual report notes that Child Care Wage Boost Pilot implementation was delayed by start-up staffing timelines and a change in community partner in Q3 of 2023, which necessitated a re-procurement. However, full implementation of the pilot is anticipated in 2024.

Table 1. BSK 2023 Expenditure by Investment Area

Investment Area	2023 Budgeted	2023 Expenditures
Child Care	\$34,764,300	\$30,890,272
Youth and Family Homelessness Prevention Initiative	\$4,934,290	\$4,774,967
Technical Assistance and Capacity Building	\$2,424,120	\$2,197,463
<b>Subtotal (per Ord 19267 subsection 4.D)</b>	<b>\$42,122,710</b>	<b>\$37,862,703</b>
Investing Early (Prenatal to 5)	\$47,552,860	\$45,855,095
Sustain the Gain (5 to 24)	\$35,427,922	\$34,044,586
Communities of Opportunity	\$7,737,003	\$6,736,765
Data and Evaluation	\$4,931,858	\$4,446,479
Capital Projects	\$9,885,000	\$204,803
<b>Total 2023 Expenditures</b>	<b>\$147,657,352</b>	<b>\$129,150,430</b>

Figures 1 through 3 (also excerpted from the annual report) summarize geographic distributions of BSK participants (Figure 1) and levy expenditures (Figures 2 and 3) by

ZIP Code. Please note that data for individual ZIP Codes are available in Appendix E to the annual report and on the BSK online dashboard.

Figure 1. Best Starts Services Participation in 2023

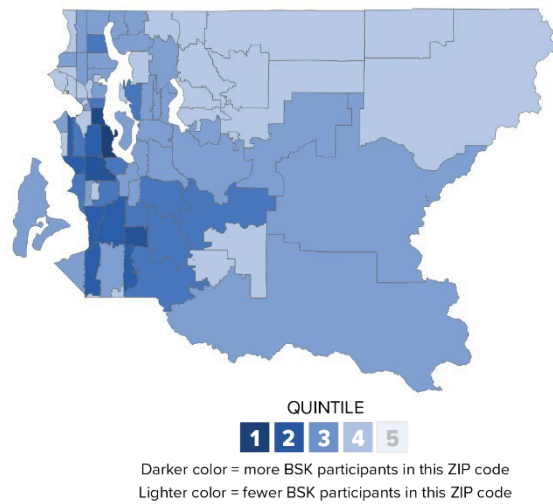


Figure 2. Best Starts Expenditures by ZIP Code in 2023 (by where participants reside)

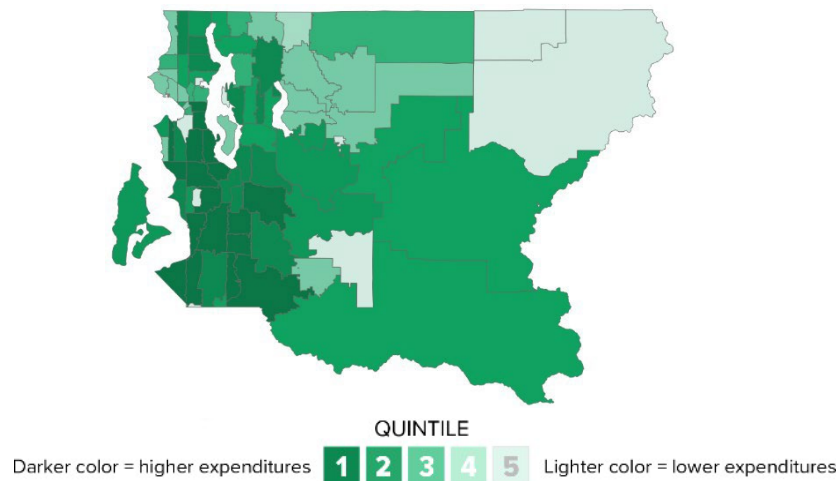
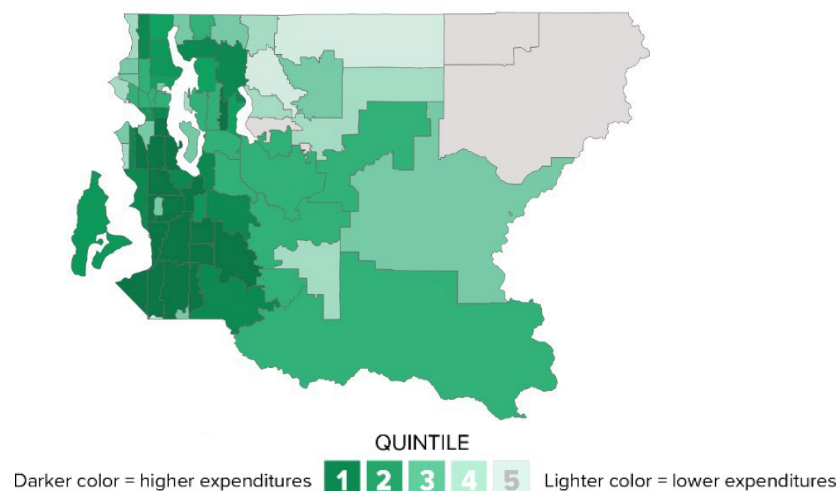


Figure 3. Best Starts Expenditures by ZIP Code in 2023 (by where office-based services are located)



Data and Evaluation. BSK evaluators, noted in the annual report, summarized quantitative and qualitative data from performance measures and semiannual narrative reports from funded community partners to capture the levy's work in 2023. Additionally, staff also gathered feedback throughout the year and shared themes focusing on where partners needed support and how BSK is already addressing them. The report further notes that such findings inform how BSK is working towards investing and will continue to invest in partners in 2023 and onward.

The report also links to an updated data dashboard on the Best Starts for Kids website.<sup>8</sup> The dashboard provides additional measures for Best Starts for Kids programs, customizable data views, and greater geographic and financial detail. Additionally, the report includes a link to its webpage that includes the published results of more in-depth evaluations completed by third-party, independent evaluators and community partners.<sup>9</sup> Additionally, key findings from evaluation reports completed in 2023 are included in the annual report itself.

### **INVITED**

- Dr. Jamalial Jones, BSK Co-Lead, DCHS
- Jessica Tollenaar Cafferty, BSK Co-Lead, PHSKC

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Motion 2024-0228.2
  - a. 2023 BSK Annual report
2. Transmittal letter

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<sup>8</sup> [Best Starts for Kids dashboard - King County, Washington](#)

<sup>9</sup> [Best Starts for Kids Reports - King County.](#)