

MOTION NO. **8201**

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3 A MOTION authorizing the executive to make a grant
4 application for funds in the approximate amount of \$107,000
5 to support the First Responder Defibrillation and Improved
6 Quality Assurance Program, Grant File No. 107.

7 WHEREAS, The responsibilities of the emergency medical services division as
8 provided for in the King County Code, Chapter 8.64, include improving emergency
9 medical services, analyzing emergency medical service needs, and providing
10 planning for emergency medical services, and

11 WHEREAS, approximately 800 patients per year in King County experience
12 prehospital sudden cardiac death, and

13 WHEREAS, early defibrillation (electric shocks delivered to overcome
14 ineffective heart rhythms) by emergency medical personnel has been shown to be
15 the single most effective means of improving both patient survival from
16 prehospital sudden cardiac death and the post-event health status of survivors,
17 and

18 WHEREAS, first responders (emergency medical personnel with approximately 40
19 hours of training) treat sudden cardiac death patients but are currently unable
20 to defibrillate these patients, and

21 WHEREAS, objective quality assurance approaches can improve medical control
22 and continuing education of emergency medical personnel trained in
23 defibrillation;

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

25 A. The King County executive is hereby authorized to make application for
26 funds in the approximate amount of \$107,000 to the University of Washington for
27 support of a project to develop first responder defibrillation and improved
28 quality assurance programs for the early defibrillation in the King County
29 emergency medical services division.
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1 B. The King County executive is hereby authorized to file an execute such
2 application and enter into and execute such contracts as are required by the
3 grantor.

4 PASSED this 25th day of February, 1991

6 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
7 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

8 Lois North

9 Chair

10 ATTEST:

11 Gerald A. Peterson
12 Clerk of the Council

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