



Signature Report

August 22, 2007

Motion 12566

Proposed No. 2007-0332.2

Sponsors Phillips

1 A MOTION approving updated policies and procedures for
2 allocating funds available to King County by chapter
3 43.185C RCW and authorizing the department of
4 community and human services, in coordination with the
5 committee to end homelessness in King County, to proceed
6 with the implementation of the policies and procedures.

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8 WHEREAS, homelessness is recognized as a critical issue in King County and
9 other places in the nation, and

10 WHEREAS, the regional one-night count of homeless persons estimates that
11 approximately seven thousand nine hundred King County residents experience
12 homelessness on any given night, and

13 WHEREAS, approximately twenty-four thousand King County residents will
14 experience at least one episode of homelessness during the coming year, and

15 WHEREAS, King County finds it unacceptable that such a high number of our
16 citizens cannot find safe, decent, affordable and permanent housing, and

17 WHEREAS, the Committee to End Homelessness in King County (CEHKC), a
18 regional committee comprised of representatives of King County, the city of Seattle and
19 other cities, foundations, the faith community, the business community, nonprofit
20 organizations and homeless individuals, has completed A Roof Over Every Bed in King
21 County: Our Community's Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness, which seeks to end
22 homelessness by working together to improve the use of existing housing and service
23 resources, as well as generating necessary additional resources, and

24 WHEREAS, the Washington state legislature called for the creation of ten year
25 plans to end homelessness in communities across the state through passage of Chapter
26 484, Laws of 2005 (E2SHB 2163), also known as the Homeless Housing and Assistance
27 Act, and authorized the collection of document recording fee surcharge revenue in
28 support of such plans, and

29 WHEREAS, the Washington state legislature supplemented local revenues in
30 support of ten year plans to end homelessness through the passage of E2SHB 1359, the
31 Affordable Housing for All Act, on April 20, 2007, and

32 WHEREAS, E2SHB 2163 and E2SHB 1359 have created a funding source
33 available to eligible Washington cities and counties that is expected to generate
34 approximately seven million dollars per year for homeless housing, prevention and
35 supportive services in King County, and

36 WHEREAS, the moneys collected under the authority of E2SHB 2163 and
37 E2SHB 1359 are collectively named the King County homeless housing and services
38 fund), and

39 WHEREAS, on September 1, 2005, the metropolitan King County council
40 unanimously approved Ordinance 15284 adopting the ten-year plan to end homelessness
41 in King County as submitted by the CEHKC and designated the CEHKC as the local
42 homeless and housing task force pursuant to chapter 43.185C RCW, and

43 WHEREAS, Motion 12279 called for the department of community and human
44 services and the CEHKC to submit a report to in spring 2007 on the results of the first
45 two funding rounds of E2SHB 2163 revenues and to propose updates to the policies and
46 procedures for future funding rounds, and

47 WHEREAS, the department of community and human services consulted many
48 stakeholders in the process of updating the HHSF policies, including suburban cities and
49 the city of Seattle, the consumer advisory committee of CEHKC, and the interagency
50 council of CEHKC, and

51 WHEREAS, the proposed policies and procedures were formally adopted by the
52 governing board of the CEHKC on April 25, 2007, to cover the homeless housing and
53 services fund, including E2SHB 2163 and E2SHB 1359 revenues, as well as any other
54 revenue directed toward implementation of plans to end homelessness;

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

56 The metropolitan King County council approves the updated policies and
57 procedures to guide future allocations and awards of the King County homeless housing
58 and services fund beginning with the 2007 funding round. As authorized by chapter
59 43.185C RCW, the council authorizes the Committee to End Homelessness in King
60 County, in coordination with the department of community and human services, to
61 proceed with the implementation of those policies and procedures, and to provide

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62 informational updates to the council every two years. The update and twelve copies shall
63 be filed with the clerk of the council, for distribution to all councilmembers and the lead
64 staff of the growth management and natural resources committee.

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Motion 12566 was introduced on 5/29/2007 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 8/20/2007, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Hague and Mr. Constantine
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments A. Homeless Housing and Services Fund Policies dated 07-26-07



King County

Homeless Housing and Services Fund Policies

Introduction

In October 2005, the Governing Board of the Committee to End Homeless in King County (CEHKC) set the following principles to serve as the foundation for funding decisions:

- Use funds in ways that promote real systems change and new ways of doing business.
- Use funds in ways that help leverage additional funds and coordinate funding streams.
- Use funds for projects that help demonstrate some early gains.
- Use funds to close the door on homelessness and prevent people from becoming homeless.

In July 2006, two important resolutions were passed by the CEHKC Governing Board regarding the use of funding to address homelessness: 1) Resolution Regarding Complete Response to Funding, and 2) Resolution Regarding Administrative Coordination of Funding. The resolutions addressed the need for better coordination within organizations when they apply for funding, and among funders when announcing the availability of funds and when making funding commitments. Ultimately, these two resolutions aim to create more efficient application processes for the allocation of valuable fund sources, and to create fully funded solutions to homelessness by eliminating barriers for funders, provider agencies and clients alike.

The 2005 Governing Board principles and 2006 resolutions regarding the use of funding resources to help end homelessness are incorporated into the following policies to guide future allocations of the King County Homeless Housing and Services Fund (HHSF) in 2007 and beyond.

Policies

The following policies will guide the allocation of the HHSF:

- Funds will be used to implement projects and/or initiatives that promote the goals of the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness.
- Funds will be used for projects and initiatives that promote better coordination among providers and systems, eliminate barriers for homeless people and create clear paths out of homelessness.
- Funding will be distributed countywide and meet the needs of diverse homeless populations.

- Funding will be packaged with or used to leverage other state, local, federal and private funding sources in order to maximize its impact.
- To the extent possible, funding priorities, applications, awards, reporting and monitoring will be complementary of, and coordinated with, other public and private funding sources.
- Annual fund collections will be awarded through competitive Requests for Proposals (RFP)/Request for Qualifications (RFQ) processes carried out by King County Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) Housing and Community Development Program. An RFP/RFQ will be held at least biennially for monies collected the following year and awards may include multi-year commitments up to five years.
- Funding proposals will be evaluated based on set criteria and reviewed by a committee that is representative of diverse viewpoints, both geographic and programmatic and consistent with conflict of interest rules. The reviewers will present recommendations to the Director of DCHS, who will approve the final funding decisions.

Funding will be used for:

- Services, housing operating costs, rental assistance (both short and long-term) and housing capital and to increase access to permanent housing and to expand the choices of housing available for homeless people.
- Housing and service systems change initiatives that eliminate barriers to housing/services for homeless people by creating efficiencies and linkages within the current housing and services system.
- Services and housing assistance that prevents people from becoming homeless.

HHSF Priorities

The Interagency Council of the CEHKC, in coordination with staff of DCHS, will recommend specific HHSF funding priorities to the CEHKC Governing Board for approval.

Priorities will:

- Be decided through a process that will conclude no later than June 1st of any given year, so that funds may be included in a fall combined Notice of Funding Availability with other local homeless housing funders.
- Be within the scope of the 2163 Funding Policies.
- Take into consideration the diverse geographic areas and population needs of homeless people in King County.
- Clearly align with the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness in King County.