



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

May 1, 2001

Ordinance 14093

Proposed No. 2001-0218.1

Sponsors Sullivan

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the Federal Housing and
2 Community Development Fund's block grant housing
3 repair program; increasing the maximum grant amounts for
4 repairs and interest-free secured loans, deleting an ineligible
5 repair under the program; and amending Ordinance 3269,
6 Section 402, as amended, and K.C.C. 24.16.020, Ordinance
7 3269, Section 403, as amended, and K.C.C. 24.16.030 and
8 Ordinance 3269, Section 405, as amended, and K.C.C.
9 24.16.050.

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PREAMBLE:

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The existing maximum grant and loan amounts under the Housing Repair
14 Program have not been increased since 1988. Since that time, inflation has
15 increased the costs of materials and labor necessary to complete critical
16 home repairs. Accordingly, the maximum grant and loan amounts have
17 been adjusted upward for inflation from 1988 to the year 2001 based upon

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18 the Consumer Price Index inflation table. The amendment also authorizes
19 the director of the department of community and human services to
20 increase the amounts of loans or grants for inflationary increases based
21 upon the Consumer Price Index inflation table on a yearly basis.

22 Changes in sewer district requirements due to environmental regulations
23 and district planning have caused low to moderate-income households in
24 King County to need assistance with house to street sewer connections.

25 The Housing Repair Program staff would like to have the ability to assist
26 those households who are required to connect and cannot afford the
27 connection.

28 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

29 SECTION 1. Ordinance 3269, Section 402, as amended, and K.C.C. 24.16.020
30 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

31 **Grant assistance.** Grant assistance may be provided to homeowners with
32 incomes equal to or less than the low-income level for emergency repairs only. The
33 amount of the grant shall equal one hundred percent of the actual cost of needed repairs,
34 up to a maximum of ~~((one thousand five hundred))~~ three thousand dollars per dwelling ~~((;~~
35 ~~provided))~~ for the year 2001. Every year following the year 2001, the director may
36 authorize an increase in the maximum home repair grant based upon an adjustment for
37 inflation according to the Consumer Price Index inflation table. ~~((†))~~The director may for
38 good cause authorize an additional amount of five percent above the ~~((one thousand five~~
39 ~~hundred))~~ maximum grant. Grant assistance may also be provided to mobile home
40 owners, who do not have an ownership interest in the property on which the mobile home

41 is situated, with incomes equal to or less than the low income level, and such grants may
42 be made for any type of repair eligible under K.C.C. ((Section)) 24.16.050. The amount
43 of the mobile home grant shall equal one hundred percent of the actual cost of needed
44 repairs, up to a maximum of ((two thousand seven hundred)) five thousand dollars per
45 mobile home((, provided)) for the year 2001. Every year following the year 2001, the
46 director may authorize an increase in the maximum mobile home repair grant based upon
47 an adjustment for inflation according to the Consumer Price Index inflation table.

48 ((§))The director may for good cause authorize an additional amount of up to five percent
49 above the ((two thousand seven hundred)) maximum grant.

50 SECTION 2. Ordinance 3269, Section 403, as amended, and K.C.C. 24.16.030
51 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

52 **Loan assistance.** Assistance in the form of interest-free secured loans up to a
53 maximum amount of ((thirteen thousand five hundred)) twenty thousand dollars for the
54 year 2001, may be provided to homeowners with incomes equal to or less than the
55 moderate income level, provided that priority shall be given to those homeowners with
56 incomes equal to or less than seventy percent of the median income level. Every year
57 following the year 2001, the director may authorize an increase in the maximum interest-
58 free secured loan based upon an adjustment for inflation according to the Consumer
59 Price Index inflation table. The loan shall be payable at the time of the homeowner's sale
60 or transfer of the property or on a schedule agreed upon between the owner and the
61 county if the owner desires earlier repayment. The loan shall be secured by a mortgage
62 or other security interest to the county on the homeowner's property. Payment on the

63 obligation shall be to the Federal Housing and Community Development Fund and shall
64 become available for future appropriation under the community development program.

65 SECTION 3. Ordinance 3269, Section 405, as amended, and K.C.C. 24.16.050
66 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

67 **Eligibility and priority.**

68 A. ~~((The following types of repairs shall not be eligible for assistance under the~~
69 ~~block grant housing repair program:~~

70 ~~—1.)) Additions to dwellings and finishing work, except where needed to relieve~~
71 ~~overcrowding conditions((;~~

72 ~~—2. House to street sewer connections, except: a. where a sewage disposal~~
73 ~~problem exists, or b. where the connection is part of a community development block~~
74 ~~grant subsidized sewer project. In either case, the special approval of the director must~~
75 ~~be obtained before block grant housing repair funds can be committed or expended for~~
76 ~~these purposes)) shall not be eligible for assistance under the block grant housing repair~~
77 ~~program.~~

78 B. Repairs shall be approved according to the following order of priority:

- 79 1. Emergency repairs;
- 80 2. Health and safety repairs, including handicapped access;
- 81 3. Energy conservation repairs;

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- 82 4. Building preservation repairs; and
83 5. All other eligible repairs.
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Ordinance 14093 was introduced on 4/9/01 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 4/30/01, by the following vote:

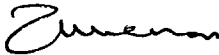
Yes: 11 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Miller, Ms. Fimia, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Pullen, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Irons
No: 0
Excused: 2 - Mr. Phillips and Mr. Nickels

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Pete von Reichbauer, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 11 day of May 2001



Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None