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# District 7 Winter 2020 Update







**Mark Your Calendars: King County's Youth Sports Grants**



Applications for 2020 grants opened on January 6, 2020. Grants will be available for both capital projects and programs serving priority youth. For additional information on our grants please visit the online grant portal at: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/services/parks-recreation/parks/get-involved/partnerships-and-grants/yasg.aspx>

## Requesting Applications for Rural Behavioral Health - Small and Medium Grants

### New Funding Opportunity supported by the MIDD Behavioral Health Sales Tax

The Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) is now accepting applications for the 2020 MIDD Rural Behavioral Health Grants to support rural, community-driven behavioral health services in unincorporated King County.

**Available funding:** Approximately \$160,000 is available in small grant funding for 2020. Approximately \$542,000 is available in medium grant funding in 2020. Additional medium grant funding will also be available in 2021-2022.

**Questions:** Contact Andria Howerton at [dchs-c&p@kingcounty.gov](mailto:dchs-c&p@kingcounty.gov)

**Applications due:** January 27, 2020 at 2pm

Join by Skype web app

Join by phone: 206-263-8114, Conference ID: 620672



The **MIDD Behavioral Health Sales Tax** supports equitable opportunities for health, wellness, connection to community, and recovery for King County residents living with or at risk of behavioral health conditions.

**Department of Community and Human Services**  
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## Happy 2020!

As 2019 came to an end, I was busy meeting with constituents and working with leaders from various state and county agencies to address regional issues, as well as to support local causes in our district. From regional homelessness to courthouse security, the County is working to tackle tough issues. Please take a moment to read some of the highlights.

### **Working Together to Solve Regional Homelessness**

As Chair of the Regional Policy Committee, I, along with other committee members, worked on an updated proposal to establish the King County Regional Homelessness Authority. The Authority will oversee a coordinated and unified response to address homelessness, through an interlocal agreement between Seattle and King County.

**On December 18th**, King County Executive Dow Constantine and Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan signed the Interlocal Agreement approved by the Regional Policy Committee on December 5th, the Metropolitan King County Council on December 11th, and the Seattle City Council on December 16th.



*Regional Policy Committee Members*

**Courthouse Security Update**

As Chair of the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee, I have grown increasingly concerned about the security situation around the King County Courthouse. After the November attack on an attorney and a bus driver, I held a hearing to bring various stakeholders together to discuss the situation and steps forward. We also heard from numerous courthouse employees who have been attacked. In light of the attacks and the closing of the 3rd Avenue entrance, the County Council passed emergency legislation, which provided funds for additional King County sheriff's deputies, security screeners and outreach workers in and around the courthouse. No one should feel unsafe coming to the Courthouse, whether as employees or visitors, and I am committed to working with our stakeholders to make the Courthouse and surrounding area a secure place for all.

The panel below was present to comment and address questions concerning Courthouse Safety: King County Sheriff Mitzi Johanknecht, Presiding Judge Jim Rogers, Chief Criminal Judge Sean O'Donnell, Department of Executive Services Director Caroline Whalen, Sound Transit Deputy Director of Public Safety Stephen Tucker, Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division Chief Troy Olmsted, and Sheriff's Office and Metro Transit Police Chief Dave Jutilla.



*Government Accountability and Oversight Committee members and the invited panel.*



**On October 2nd,** I had the opportunity to host the County recognition of Edgar Martinez for his induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame. After 18 seasons as a player, and 5 seasons as a coach and advisor with the Mariners, Edgar’s baseball accomplishments speak for themselves. However, what many don’t know is the important role he and his wife Holli have played across King County with their involvement in community service organizations. Thank you for your service and leadership, Edgar, and congratulations.



*Photo L to R: King County Councilmembers Claudia Balducci and Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Seattle Mariners Managing Partner John Stanton, King County Councilmembers Kathy Lambert and Pete von Reichbauer, Seattle Mariners President and CEO Kevin Mather, Edgar Martinez, King County Councilmembers Reagan Dunn, Joe McDermott, Rod Dembowski and Larry Gossett.*

**On October 3rd,** the King County Sheriff’s Office announced they had made an arrest in the 1991 cold case murder of Federal Way High School Student Sarah Yarborough. The message from the press conference is clear: King County will never forget the victims of crimes, nor forgive their assailants. I visited the bench at Federal Way High School which honors Sarah’s memory with Dr. Tammy Campbell, and spent time with Sarah’s mother, Laura. I would like to thank Sheriff Johanknecht and her team for their tireless work.



*With Federal Way Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Tammy Campbell*



With Laura Yarborough



With Laura Yarborough, Sheriff Johanknecht, and leaders from the King County Sheriff's Office.

**On October 9th**, the King County Council celebrated "Double Tenth National Day". I was honored to host Director General Alex Fan of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to accept our recognition. King County offers good wishes and congratulations to the Republic of China on this special occasion!

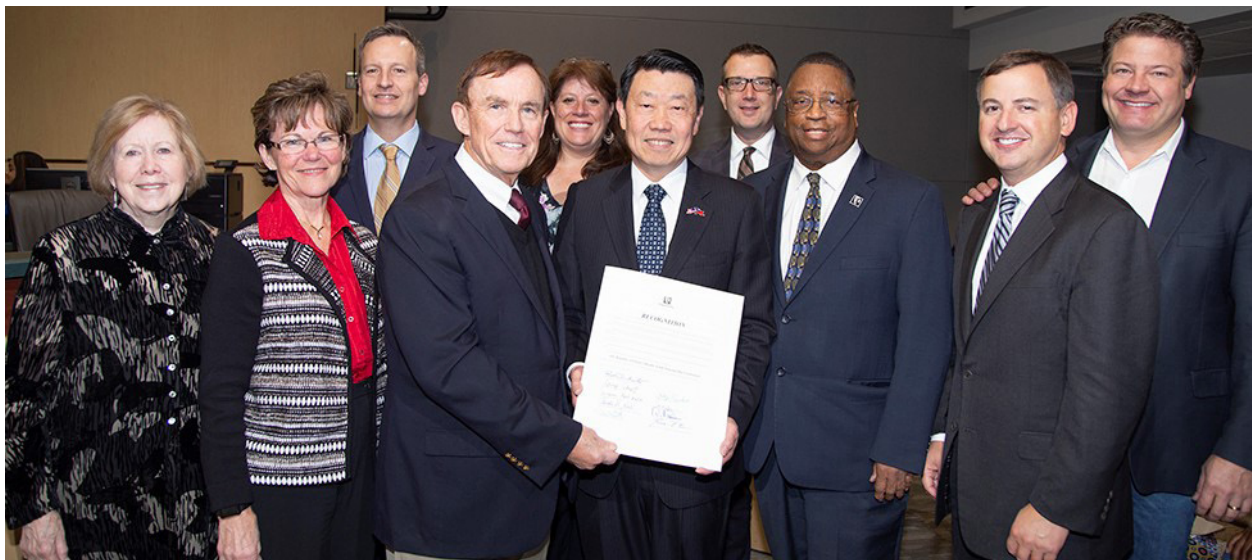


Photo L to R: King County Councilmembers Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Kathy Lambert, Dave Upthegrove, Pete von Reichbauer and Claudia Balducci, Republic of China Director General Alex Fan, King County Councilmembers Joe McDermott, Larry Gossett, Rod Dembowski and Reagan Dunn.





*Photo L to R: Mei-Jui Lin, Amy Lo, Director General Alex Fan, King County Councilmember Pete von Reichbauer.*

**On October 17th**, I was honored to chair the Multi-Service Center (MSC) luncheon recognizing John Theisen and his Orion Industries team for their work in leading a mission-driven nonprofit that provides career pathways to individuals with barriers to employment such as learning disabilities and mental health issues.

John built two business lines that provide personalized mentorship and job skills, supported over 2,300 people in their training programs, and placed almost 1,000 individuals into new careers with Microsoft, Boeing and other companies. After a successful career in the private sector, John proved again how much difference one can make in helping others in the nonprofit sector.



*Photo L to R: Honorary Chair Pete von Reichbauer, MSC President Robin Corak and former Orion Industries President and CEO John Theisen.*



**On November 7th**, Reach Out held its annual breakfast at Journey Church, and those gathered from over 24 area churches were inspired by Rep. Frank Chopp and others on the challenges and opportunity to recover from homelessness. Together, we can!



*Photo L to R: Representative Frank Chopp, Estela Ortega, King County Councilmember Pete von Reichbauer, Rick Koch, Senator Claire Wilson, and Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus.*

**On November 13th**, Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan joined us to discuss the importance of regional collaboration to address our shared regional challenges. Housing, homelessness and crime do not stop at a city limit sign, and we must continue to work together to tackle these issues.



*Photo L to R: Pacific Mayor Leanne Guier, Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan, Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus, King County Councilmember Pete von Reichbauer, Federal Way Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Tammy Campbell, Algona Mayor Dave Hill, former Federal Way Mayor Mike Park and Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell.*



**On December 4th**, I was honored to be a part of Federal Way’s Downtown Staircase ribbon cutting. The staircase is an innovation in urban design for our city, and will be a key catalyst for the future of our downtown core.



*With Federal Way elected leaders and community members.*

The 2019 South King County Holiday Leadership Reception was a success, and I appreciated the opportunity to recognize Fire Chief Al Church, who is celebrating his retirement after 42 years of service to South King County.



*With South King Fire and Rescue Chief Al Church*



*With Musician Grace Yoo*



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