



## King County

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The Honorable Dave Upthegrove  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Upthegrove:

This letter transmits a proposed supplemental appropriation Ordinance that, if enacted, would authorize King County to continue to fund COVID-19 response efforts. The proposal includes \$38.2 million in expenditures, which are backed by federal revenue.

This is the tenth COVID-19 supplemental appropriation request I have transmitted to the King County Council. In March 2020, our Proclamation of Emergency in response to COVID-19 enabled us to enact extraordinary measures to fight the pandemic. The King County Council subsequently approved nine COVID-19 supplemental Ordinances appropriating federal, state, and local funds for economic recovery efforts, community health and safety measures, and the County's response operations.

The tenth COVID supplemental focuses solely on King County's federal Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery (CLFR) funds. In March 2021, King County received \$437.6 million in CLFR funds through the American Rescue Plan Act. The King County Council appropriated King County's CLFR funds in the seventh, eighth, and ninth COVID supplemental Ordinances, as well as the 2023-2024 Adopted Budget.

The tenth COVID supplemental budget:

- Reappropriates funding for 2021-2022 CLFR allocations.
- Disappropriates funding from programs that are not expected to fully expend their current appropriations.
- Adds funding for existing programs that require additional appropriation and new proposals to address emerging needs.
- Right-sizes program budgets within existing CLFR appropriations by implementing net-zero shifts of CLFR allocations between programs.

This proposed Ordinance, coupled with spending in 2021 and 2022, and CLFR appropriations in the 2023-2024 Adopted Budget, balances total expenditures to match available CLFR funds.

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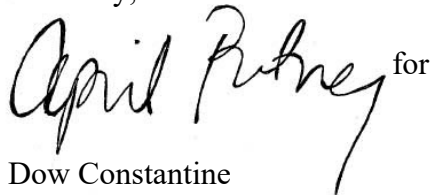
Please note that these proposed appropriation requests continue to rely on estimates of costs and may be revised. The County is actively seeking state and federal reimbursement for all COVID-19 related expenses. I anticipate that future proposed supplemental ordinances may contain further adjustments and reappropriations based on updated information.

As with prior COVID supplemental budgets, all programs supported by CLFR funds are subject to legal review to ensure that the programs are eligible for federal funds. Before any funds are expended, and in accordance with the County's fiscal stewardship goals, the County will take the following steps: conduct a comprehensive assessment of program eligibility, verify that anticipated expenditures are appropriate, assess whether a competitive procurement process is required, conduct a risk assessment, and complete the contracting process.

I certify that funds are available.

Thank you for your partnership and consideration of this proposed Ordinance. If your staff have questions, please contact Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, at 206-263-9687.

Sincerely,

 for

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King County Executive

Enclosure

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