



## **King County**

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

Dear Councilmember Zahilay:

This letter transmits the recommended 2026 budget and work program for A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) and a proposed Motion that would, if enacted, approve the budget and work program. King County Council's annual approval of the ARCH budget and work program is required pursuant to the interlocal agreement between King County and ARCH authorized by Ordinance 16898 and extended by resolutions of the ARCH Executive Board.

ARCH coordinates with other public and private organizations to provide housing policies and programs that address homelessness and the lack of affordable housing in East King County. The coalition efficiently accomplishes this by combining local resources. This proposed legislation would approve, as the 2026 budget and work program, the biennial 2025-26 Budget and Work Program that the ARCH Executive Board initially recommended on June 13, 2024. At its June 12, 2025 meeting, the ARCH Executive Board reaffirmed the 2025-2026 Work Program and Budget as its recommended budget and work program for 2026. It would serve north and east King County residents by ensuring ARCH has the necessary budgetary authority to operate in 2026 and complete its 2026 work program.

If approved by all parties, the 2026 budget includes a \$7,945 increase (3.5 percent) to King County's ARCH dues compared to 2025, up to \$235,897. The percent of increase in dues between 2025 and 2026 for King County matches the average member contribution increase for other ARCH jurisdictions. The added funding will support the organization's increased personnel and operating costs in 2026. ARCH's overall budget increased 3.9 percent between 2025 to 2026.

ARCH's 2026 work program priorities include:

- completing a study of ARCH's legal and governance structure to streamline processes and better advance ARCH's mission;
- implementing annual engagement efforts with ARCH member stakeholders to increase knowledge and understanding of affordable housing in the region;
- facilitating and advancing proposals for dedicated revenue sources for affordable housing in east King County, and
- pursuing partnerships and advancing the development of high impact special projects, including transit-oriented development projects and other projects on public lands.

This proposed legislation reflects the collaboration of multiple local governments pooling resources for efficient and strategic spending. This approach aligns with King County Countywide Planning Policies H-6, H-7, and H-14 by supporting the creation and operation of subregional collaborations to increase and preserve affordable housing in King County.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Motion. If your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact Kelly Rider, Director, King County Department of Community and Human Services, at 206-263-5780.

Sincerely,



for

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Enclosure

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