



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

September 7, 2010

Motion 13322

Proposed No. 2010-0477.2

Sponsors Phillips

1 A MOTION supporting full funding of the Energy
2 Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program.

3 WHEREAS, the nation faces unprecedented energy challenges, including
4 escalating energy costs and overdependence on foreign oil, and

5 WHEREAS, investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy is critical in
6 positioning America to be competitive in the global economy, increasing American
7 energy independence, building sustainable communities and creating new local jobs, and

8 WHEREAS, commercial, residential and public buildings are responsible for
9 more than forty percent of greenhouse gas emissions nationwide, and local governments
10 are best suited to strengthen building codes, foster community-scale renewable energy
11 and create other programs and incentives to increase efficiency and reduce energy use in
12 buildings, and

13 WHEREAS, the transportation sector produces one third of greenhouse gas
14 emissions, and cities and counties can substantially reduce emissions and vehicle miles
15 traveled by promoting public transit, converting municipal fleets to alternative fuels and
16 more fuel efficient vehicles and conducting more-effective land use and transportation
17 planning, and

18 WHEREAS, the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (P.L.110-140)
19 established a new Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program at the

20 United States Department of Energy, authorizing two billion dollars annually in formula
21 grants to cities, counties and states to develop and implement energy-efficiency
22 strategies, and

23 WHEREAS, the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (P.L. 111-5) provided
24 three billion two hundred million dollars for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation
25 Block Grant program to help communities decrease energy use, curb greenhouse gas
26 emissions and create jobs, and

27 WHEREAS, local governments are successfully utilizing their American
28 Reinvestment and Recovery Act Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funds,
29 and

30 WHEREAS, King County received just over \$6 million in Energy Efficiency and
31 Conservation Block Grant funds that the county has leveraged to secure over twenty-five
32 million dollars of federal, local, and private funds for projects that are saving energy,
33 saving people money, creating jobs, and reducing or dependence on fossil fuels that
34 pollute the environment and contribute to climate change, and

35 WHEREAS, the United States Conference of Mayors, the National League of
36 Cities and the National Association of Counties have adopted resolutions and policies
37 supporting full funding for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants;

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

39 A. King County supports the Energy Block Grants Work! campaign and will
40 work to demonstrate to the President of the United States, the United States Department
41 of Energy and Congress that the county is effectively using its Energy Efficiency and

42 Conservation Block Grant to decrease energy use, curb greenhouse gas emissions and
43 create jobs.

44 B. King County urges President Obama and Congress to fully fund the Energy
45 Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program in fiscal year 2012.

46 C. The council hereby expresses its intent to include support for full funding for
47 the


48 Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant program in federal fiscal year 2012 as part of
49 King County's 2011 federal legislative agenda.

50

Motion 13322 was introduced on 8/23/2010 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 9/7/2010, by the following vote:

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

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Robert W. Ferguson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None