

Metropolitan King County Council Budget and Fiscal Management Committee

Agenda Item No.:	14	Date:	November 1, 2011
Proposed No.:	2011-0399	Prepared By:	Nick Wagner

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT

Amendment of the county code to permit county officials and staff to solicit and accept gifts, bequests, and donations in support of the King County Healthcare Coalition, which is a network of health care organizations committed to emergency preparedness and response.

SUMMARY

Proposed Ordinance 2011-0399 (pp. 5-16 of these materials) would authorize county officials and staff to solicit and accept gifts, bequests, and donations in support of the King County Healthcare Coalition and would create a first tier fund—the Public Health Healthcare Coalition fund—to receive those amounts, with all interest earnings to be credited back to the subfund. The fund would be a subfund of the Public Health Fund, and the fund manager would be the Department of Public Health.

BACKGROUND

The King County Healthcare Coalition (Healthcare Coalition) is a network of health care organizations committed to emergency preparedness and response. Administered by Public Health – Seattle & King County and led by an Executive Council made up of health care executive representatives, the Healthcare Coalition and its more than 300 participating organizations prepare for emergencies through a unified network that is committed to serving the community during any kind of natural or man-made disaster. (Transmittal letter, p. 31 of these materials)

The Healthcare Coalition was originally funded with seed money from the King County Council through a one-time 2005 appropriation related to medical surge preparedness for pandemic flu planning. Since that time, the Healthcare Coalition has been funded solely with federal preparedness grant dollars, which are steadily declining. The Healthcare Coalition's Executive Council and Public Health anticipated this decline in grant dollars and conducted an evaluation of the Healthcare Coalition with key stakeholders and participants. There was tremendous support for the work of the

Coalition and a desire to ensure that the Coalition be a more sustainable organization and not be solely reliant on federal grant dollars. (Transmittal letter, pp. 31-32 of these materials)

To support this goal, the proposed ordinance would authorize key Public Health and King County personnel to solicit and accept gifts, bequests, and donations for the King County Healthcare Coalition. To help support this effort, and because some healthcare organizations and local businesses will only give money to an IRS-designated non-profit organization (commonly referred to as a 501(c)(3)), Public Health, with support from the Healthcare Coalition Executive Council, intends to partner with the Foundation for Health Care Quality, a 501(c)(3), as an additional means to receive money with Public Health providing administration of the program. This foundation will grant the donations to Public Health to administer the Healthcare Coalition. (Transmittal letter, p. 32 of these materials)

ANALYSIS

Proposed Ordinance 2011-0399 (pp. 5-16 of these materials) would:

- 1. Authorize the following to solicit and accept gifts, bequests, and donations in support of the King County Healthcare Coalition (subject to any applicable limitations in the county ethics code):
 - a. County Executive;
 - b. Director of Public Health;
 - c. Preparedness Manager;
 - d. Healthcare Coalition Program Manager;
 - e. Communications Manager:
 - f. Councilmembers; and
 - g. Staff "who report directly to those officers or officials and who do so at those officers' or officials' direction":
- 2. Require the Director of Public Health to "ensure that expenditures from the gift, bequest or donation are consistent with the terms, if any, requested by the grantor";
- 3. Create an exemption in KCC Chapter 2.80 ("Gift, Bequests and Donations to County") for gifts, bequests, and donations made "for healthcare coalition purposes."
- 4. Create a first-tier fund with the title "Public Health Healthcare Coalition," with the Department of Public Health designated as the fund manager, as a subfund in the Public Health Fund, "with all interest earnings to be credited back to the subfund."

¹ Currently, there are exemptions from Chapter 2.80 for (1) "animal care and control purposes" (KCC 2.80.53), (2) the "citizen councilor network" (KCC 2.80.55), and (3) "parks and recreation purposes (KCC 2.80.60)."

AMENDMENT

Striking Amendment S1 (pp. 17-27 of these materials) would:

- 1. Clarify the reference to the Employee Code of Ethics (KCC Chapter 3.04)²;
- 2. Re-structure the code provision that would be amended by Section 4 of the proposed ordinance, to conform to a new template for such provisions, without changing the substance; and
- 3. Make several other technical, non-substantive changes, such as correction of typographical errors.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact. See Fiscal Note (p. 29 of these materials).

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1.	Proposed Ordinance 2011-0399	5
	Striking Amendment S1	
3.	Fiscal Note	.29
4.	Transmittal Letter	.31

² The striking amendment would change "Consistent with" to "Subject to" in line 29 of the proposed ordinance (see p. 6 of these materials), to make clear that KCC Chapter 3.04 (the Employee of Code of Ethics) may contain applicable requirements in addition to those contained in Section 1 of the proposed ordinance. As noted in the Effect statement, no change in the substantive meaning is intended by this change. Further, the term "consistent with" as used in KCC 7.08.070(A) and 11.02.060 and the term "subject to" in this ordinance are intended to have the same meaning.

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KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse 516 Third Avenue Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

October 21, 2011

Ordinance

	Proposed No. 2011-0399.1 Sponsors Patterson
1	AN ORDINANCE relating to soliciting and accepting gifts,
2	bequests and donations for the King County healthcare
3	coalition; amending Ordinance 12076, Section 9, as
4	amended, and K.C.C. 4.08.015, Ordinance 12525, Section
5	7, and K.C.C. 4.08.300, adding a new section to chapter
6	K.C.C. 2.16 and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter
7	2.80.
8	STATEMENT OF FACTS:
9	1. The King County healthcare coalition is a network of healthcare
10	organizations committed to emergency preparedness and response. It has
11	more than three hundred participating organizations which prepare for
12	emergencies through collaborative planning, training and exercises. The
13	department of public health administers the healthcare coalition.
14	2. The healthcare coalition was originally funded with seed money
15	through a one-time appropriation in 2005 related to medical surge
16	preparedness for pandemic flu planning. Since then, the healthcare
17	coalition has been funded solely with federal preparedness grant funds,
18	which are steadily declining.

- 3. Healthcare organizations that participate in the healthcare coalition and the department of public health have developed options for sustaining funding for the healthcare coalition, including donations by organizations that participate in the healthcare coalition and other local businesses.
 - 4. Options for a donations program include a partnership with a 501(c)(3) organization that would accept donations and provide a grant to King County in support of the work of the healthcare coalition.
- BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

- NEW SECTION. SECTION 1. There is hereby added to the K.C.C. chapter 2.16 a new section to read as follows:
- A. Consistent with K.C.C. chapter 3.04, the executive, the director of the department of executive services, the director of the department of public health, the preparedness manager, the healthcare coalition program manager, the communications manager, councilmembers, and staff who report directly to those officers or officials and who do so at those officers' or officials' direction, may solicit from the general public and business communities and all other persons, gifts, bequests and donations in support of the healthcare coalition. These persons also may accept from the general public and business communities and all other persons, gifts, bequests and donations to the county in support of the work of the healthcare coalition.
- B. Once the gift, bequest or donation is accepted, the director of the department of public health shall ensure that expenditures from the gift, bequest or donation are consistent with the terms, if any, requested by the grantor.

- NEW SECTION. SECTION 2. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 2.80 a new section to read as follows:
- This chapter does not apply to gifts, bequests or donations received for healthcare coalition purposes.
- 45 <u>SECTION 3.</u> Ordinance 12076, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 4.08.015 are 46 hereby amended to read as follows:

A. First tier funds and fund managers are as follows:

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	Maintenance	and Parks
106	Veterans' Relief	Dept. of Community and
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119	Emergency Medical Services	Dept. of Public Health
121	Surface Water Management	Dept. of Natural Resources
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122	Automated Fingerprint Identification	Dept. of Public Safety
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124	Citizen Councilor Revolving	Auditor
128	Local Hazardous Waste	Dept. of Public Health
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		and Parks
131	Noxious weed control fund	Dept. of Natural Resources
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134	Development and Environmental Services	Dept. of Development and
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137	Clark Contract Administration	Office of Performance,
		Strategy and Budget
138	Parks Trust and Contribution	Dept. of Natural Resources
		and Parks
139	Risk Abatement	Office of Performance,
		Strategy and Budget

145	Parks and Recreation	Dept. of Natural Resources
		and Parks
156-1	KC Flood Control Operating Contract	Dept. of Natural Resources
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164	Two-Tenths Sales Tax Revenue Receiving	Dept. of Transportation
165	Public Transit Self Insurance	Dept. of Transportation
<u>180-1</u>	Public Health Healthcare Coalition	Dept. of Public Health
215	Grants tier 1 fund	Dept. of Executive Services
216	Cultural Resource Mitigation Fund	Office of Performance,
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316	Parks, Rec. and Open Space	Dept. of Executive Services
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322	Housing Opportunity Acquisition	Dept. of Community and
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327	Equipment and Building Acquisition	Dept. of Executive Services
329	SWM CIP Construction 1992-1997	Dept. of Natural Resources
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B. The following shall also be first tier funds:

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- 2. All county funds that receive original proceeds of borrowings made under Chapter 216, Washington Laws of 1982, as now existing or hereafter amended, to the extent of the amounts then outstanding for the borrowings for that fund. For purposes of this subsection, the director of the county department or office primarily responsible for expenditures from that fund shall be the fund manager.
- 3. Any other fund as the council may hereinafter prescribe by ordinance to be invested for its own benefit. County funds shall be treated as provided in K.C.C.
- 4.10.110 unless a designation is made by the council.
 - SECTION 4. Ordinance 12525, Section 7, and K.C.C. 4.08.300 are hereby amended to read as follows:

There is hereby created a ((P))public ((H))health ((F))fund into which shall be deposited revenues from all sources budgeted for the department of public health and from which shall be paid all expenditures and disbursements for the department, except to the extent revenues, expenditures and disbursements for the department are otherwise provided for by ordinance. Gifts, bequests or donations for healthcare coalition purposes shall be deposited in a subfund in the public health fund with all interest earnings to be credited back to the subfund.

ATTEST:

Larry Gossett, Chair

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this _____ day of _______.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None

Oct. 21, 2011

Sponsor: Patterson
PAO/br/nw

Proposed No.: 2011-0399

STRIKING AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2011-0399, VERSION

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3 On page 1, beginning on line 8, strike everything through page 11, line 70, and insert:

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63	except to the extent revenues, expenditures and disbursements for the department are
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65	B. The fund shall be a second tier fund as described in this chapter, except that

gifts, bequests or donations for healthcare coalition purposes shall be deposited in a

67	<u>subfun</u>	d in the public health fund, which shall be a first tier fund as described in this
68	chapte	<u>r.</u>
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75	EFFE	CT: The amendment would:
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84		proposed ordinance, to conform to a new template for such provisions,
85		without changing the substance.
86	3.	Make several other technical, non-substantive changes, such as correction of
87		typographical errors.

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FISCAL NOTE

Ordinance/Motion No. 2011_XXX

Fitle: Donation Ordinance_HealthCare Coalition Affected Agency and/or Agencies: DPH

Note Prepared By: Cindy West

Note Reviewed By: Michael Mar

Impact of the above legislation on the fiscal affairs of King County is estimated to be:

\$

Revenue to:						
Fund/Agency	Fund	Revenue	Current Year	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year
	Code	Source	2012	2013	2014	2015
DPH	1800	Grant Income	0\$	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Expenditures from:

Fund/Agency	Fund	Department	Current Year	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year
	Code	Source	2012	2013	2014	2015
TOTAL			0\$	0\$	0\$	80

Expenditures by Categories

0\$	0\$	0\$	\$0			TOTAL
2015	2014	2013	2012	Source	Code	
3rd Year	2nd Year	1st Year	Current Year	Department	Fund	

Assumptions:

(1) It is assumed that the majority, if not all, revenue received in support of the HealthCare Coalition via this ordinance will be transmitted to DPH via the 501(C) (3) referenced in the legislation. Since revenue received by way of the 501 (C)(3) will be in the form of grant(s), the projected revenue will have been already considered in the annual DPH budget. Accordingly, the net fiscal impact to the budget is zero. [blank page]

September 26, 2011

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

Dear Councilmember Gossett:

I am pleased to transmit an ordinance that would authorize key Public Health and King County staff to solicit and accept gifts, bequests, and donations for the King County Healthcare Coalition.

The King County Healthcare Coalition (Healthcare Coalition) is a network of healthcare organizations committed to emergency preparedness and response. Administered by Public Health – Seattle & King County and led by an Executive Council made up of healthcare executive representatives, the Healthcare Coalition and its more than 300 participating organizations prepare for emergencies through a unified network that is committed to serving the community during any kind of natural or man-made disaster.

Since 2005, the Healthcare Coalition has developed regional evacuation plans for hospitals and nursing homes, memoranda of agreement among in-home services, palliative care, and opioid treatment providers - the first of its kind in the United States. They deliver and facilitate over 20 trainings and exercises each year on topics such as business resiliency, evacuation, mass fatalities, antiviral dispensing, communications, resource exchange, and pediatrics. They host over 50 meetings and workshops each year to build the relationships and plans needed to coordinate an effective healthcare response. The Healthcare Coalition is where our healthcare community comes together to make sure that a regional system is in place to respond when disaster strikes.

The Healthcare Coalition was originally funded with seed money from the King County Council through a one-time 2005 appropriation related to medical surge preparedness for pandemic flu planning. Since that time, the Healthcare Coalition has been funded solely with federal preparedness grant dollars, which are steadily declining. The Healthcare Coalition's

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Executive Council and Public Health anticipated this decline in grant dollars and conducted an evaluation of the Healthcare Coalition with key stakeholders and participants. There was tremendous support for the work of the Coalition and a desire to ensure that the Coalition be a more sustainable organization and not be solely reliant on federal grant dollars.

To support this goal, the enclosed ordinance would authorize key Public Health and King County personnel to solicit and accept gifts, bequests and donations for the King County Healthcare Coalition. To help support this effort, and because some healthcare organizations and local businesses will only give money to an IRS-designated non-profit organization (commonly referred to as a 501(c)(3)), Public Health, with support from the Healthcare Coalition Executive Council, will partner with the Foundation for Health Care Quality, a 501(c)(3), as an additional means to receive money with Public Health providing administration of the program. This foundation will grant the donations to Public Health to administer the Healthcare Coalition.

I am very excited about the healthcare community's willingness to financially support the Healthcare Coalition, thereby ensuring that our region is better positioned to respond and recover from a disaster. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. David Fleming, Director of Public Health-Seattle and King County, at 206-263-8695.

I recommend that the Council approve this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Dow Constantine King County Executive

Enclosures

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Cindy Domingo, Acting Chief of Staff

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