

October 25, 2017

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

Dear Councilmember McDermott:

This letter transmits an ordinance creating five new technology capital funds for departments and agencies that do not have capital programs. This ordinance has no fiscal impact.

Currently, all technology projects that are sponsored by departments and agencies without capital programs are accounted and budgeted in a fund managed by King County Information Technology (KCIT). Under this arrangement, the fiduciary responsibility for the fund resides with KCIT. It is, however, the sponsoring agencies that are ultimately responsible for project funding and implementation.

The Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget (PSB) reviewed alternatives with the goal of reducing the administrative burden on KCIT and aligning the fiduciary responsibility of the fund with the responsibility of managing individual project finances. As a result, this proposal creates new technology capital funds for the departments of Public Health (DPH), Community and Human Services (DCHS), Executive Services (DES), and Permitting and Environmental Review (DPER), and all other General Fund agencies. Smaller and less complex funds will improve accountability and financial oversight of the technology projects pooled in a given fund, facilitating the fund's health.

PSB will manage the technology fund for General Fund-funded agencies without capital programs. KCIT will continue managing the current fund until all projects currently residing in the fund are completed and can be closed out. No new projects will be recorded in the existing fund once the aforementioned new funds are approved and set up. Where needed, new projects in the new funds will be proposed as part of the 2019-2020 budget.

This ordinance supports the King County Strategic Plan goal of efficient, accountable regional and local government.

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Thank you for your consideration of this ordinance. If you have any questions, please contact Gaukhar Serikbayeva, Budget Analyst in the Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, at 206-263-8604.

Sincerely,

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King County Executive

Enclosures

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