



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

October 16, 2007

Motion 12610

Proposed No. 2007-0503.2

Sponsors von Reichbauer, Dunn, Phillips
and Constantine

1 A MOTION authorizing the chair of the council to enter
2 into a contract for services to represent the county before
3 the United States Congress and the federal administration.
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5 WHEREAS, the county is a subdivision of the state of Washington, and

6 WHEREAS, as a result, the county's services, operations and finances are to a
7 significant extent controlled by the laws of the state and the federal government, and

8 WHEREAS, actions of the United States Congress will affect the county's
9 services, operations and finances, and

10 WHEREAS, the grants, proposals and actions of the federal executive branch will
11 affect the delivery of services to the citizens of King County, and

12 WHEREAS, a request for proposals process has been conducted to continue to
13 allow King County officials to keep abreast of developments on a broad range of issues
14 being considered by Congress and federal agencies, and

15 WHEREAS, after the competitive procurement process a staff group evaluated
16 the proposals and unanimously selected the Ferguson Group as the preferred consultant,
17 and

18 WHEREAS, it is estimated the contract for the federal lobby contract will not
19 exceed two hundred fifty eight thousand dollars per year, and

20 WHEREAS, Motion 10651, Section III, as amended, and OR 1-020 requires the
21 council to authorize the council chair to sign contracts in excess of twenty-five thousand
22 dollars;

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

24 A. The council hereby authorizes the chair of the council to sign a contract in an
25 amount not to exceed two hundred fifty-eight thousand dollars per year with the Ferguson
26 Group for the interest of the residents of the county for the county to have representation
27 before the United States Congress and the federal administration on a broad range of
28 complex issues.

29 B. The chair of the metropolitan King County council is authorized to enter into a
30 contract, in an amount not to exceed two hundred fifty-eight thousand dollars per year
31 with the Ferguson Group. The contract is for the services of representing the county
32 before and monitoring actions by the United States Congress and the federal
33 administration on issues of concern to King County, and to be an advocate on the
34 county's behalf on issues including, but not limited to, the adopted federal agenda.

35 C. If recommended the chair of the metropolitan King County council is

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36 authorized to enter into this agreement, in single-year increments, for a total of three
37 years, subject to funding.

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Motion 12610 was introduced on 10/1/2007 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 10/15/2007, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Constantine

No: 0

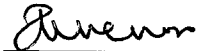
Excused: 2 - Mr. Dunn and Ms. Hague

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments A. Scope of Work, B. 2007 Federal Lobby RFP Review Scores dated September 6, 2007, C. Letter from The Ferguson Group dated August 15, 2007, D. Federal Activity Report for King County, WA for June - August 2007 (including updated 2008 federal agenda chart), E. The Ferguson Group Results FY 2005-2007

Attachment 1A**SCOPE OF WORK****SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Services performed by the consultant would allow King County officials to keep abreast of developments on a broad range of issues being considered by Congress and federal agencies. The consultant will work with the county to develop and implement the county's federal legislative agenda, provide assistance on emerging federal issues of interest to the county, and assist in searching and applying for federal grants and programs. The consultant will provide advocacy, monitoring, reporting services, grants and other appropriation services, and coalition building, as defined below:

A. Advocacy Services

- The consultant will allocate 20% - 30% of their effort to transportation and mass transit. King County as part of the Central Puget Sound is considered to be one of the worst congested areas in the United States. Special emphasis on how King County area gains major projects during the next reauthorization of Transportation Authorization is a requirement of this Request for Proposals.
- The consultant will work with the External Affairs Committee and county staff to develop a federal legislative agenda and an action plan for achieving the goals set in the legislative agenda.
- The consultant shall advise the External Affairs Committee and county staff with respect to proposed legislation including the timing and nature of direct contacts with the congress and the federal administration.
- The consultant will maintain regular contact with the administration, Washington State's congressional delegation, congressional leadership, key congressional committee staff, and federal agency officials involved in development of legislation and regulation, and grant funding for King County.
- The consultant will prepare briefing materials to be presented to Congressional staff, federal agencies, and interest groups on behalf of the county. The consultant will be required to set up meeting schedules with members of Congress, Congressional staff, federal agencies and interest groups on behalf of King County elected officials and staff.

B. Issues/Areas Covered by Advocacy Services

- Agriculture
- Economic Development
- Energy
- Environmental Protection
- Global Warming/Climate Change
- Health and Human Services
- Homeland Security
- Housing
- Internet Taxation
- Puget Sound Partnership

- Telecommunications
- Transportation and Mass Transit
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Water Resources.

Advocacy items may be added to the legislative agenda plan at anytime through out the contract.

C. Monitoring and Reporting Services

- The consultant will monitor actions by congress and federal agencies on all issues of concern to the county. The consultant will attend meetings of public interest groups and national organizations regarding topics of interest to King County.
- The consultant will provide status reports to the Director of Government Relations and the External Affairs Committee on relevant issues and prepare memoranda and other information as requested by the County.
- The consultant will provide a comprehensive regular report on its activities and the status of the county's federal legislative agenda to elected King County officials and key staff.

D. Issues/Areas Covered by Monitoring and Reporting

In addition to any other issues/areas listed in the legislative action plan

- Affirmative Action
- Criminal Justice
- Education
- Energy Policy
- Environment
- Forestry
- Growth Management
- Job Training
- Mass Transit
- Medicaid Reform
- Medicare Reform
- Public Health
- Social Security Reform
- Solid Waste
- Taxation and Municipal Finance
- Telecommunications (Including 911)
- Transportation
- Waste Water Treatment
- Welfare Reform

Monitoring and reporting items may be added to the legislative agenda plan at anytime through out the contract.

E. Grant Appropriations Services

- The consultant shall inform the county of grant opportunities for various departments through regular and timely notification of grant programs
- The consultant shall assist in the securing of federal grants, including working closely with county departments, elected officials, and interest groups

Top priorities for the consultant's federal grant efforts shall include:

- Criminal Justice
- Environmental protection
- Global Warming/Climate Change
- Housing
- Health
- Human services
- Social services
- Transportation

D. Coalition Building Services

- The consultant shall assist the county council and executive in building relationships within the National Association of Counties, the American Public Transit Association, and other groups as requested.
- The consultant shall identify other relationships to benefit the county council and executive in achieving the county's federal legislative agenda.
- When appropriate, the consultant will work with other local and state government agencies in effort to cooperatively lobby Congress on issues of interest to King County.

REPORTING STRUCTURE

The Metropolitan King County Councilmembers, Director of Government Relations and King County External Affairs Committee, in cooperation with the King County Executive, will supervise consultant services. All correspondence should be mailed, E-mailed or faxed:

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King County Executive
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The consultant will develop and maintain an e-mail list of key county personnel for timely updates on emerging issues, grants, and programs.

FEES AND EXPENSES

- The monthly fee for the services described in this request for proposal will be \$21,500.00 including expenses.
- King County reserves the right to contract with a single agency for all lobbying services or to use multiple agencies for its lobbying services and will negotiate fees according to service areas.
- Monthly reports and invoices shall be sent to King County by the Consultant by the fifth day of each month for the monthly fee relating to the preceding month.

Federal Lobby RFP Review Scores 9-06-2007											Attachment 2		
	Tom Bristow	Maura Brueger	Peter Heffernan	Bob Hirsch	Jeanne Keenan	Sharon Nelson	Bryndel Swift	Chuck Williams					Total
Written Evaluations													
The Ferguson Group	62	62	56	75	65	75	65	75					535
Polsinelli	47	56	51	45	30	45	36	20					330



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August 15, 2007

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Exchange Building, 8th Floor
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Seattle, WA 98104-1598

RE: Federal Advocacy Program, King County Council, RFP No. 1029-07RLD

Dear Councilmembers and Executive Sims:

On behalf of The Ferguson Group, LLC (TFG) and its King County team – Bill Hanka, Ron Hamm, Christina Mattar, Sean Morgan, Kareem Murphy, Steve Ohlenkamp, and Shirley Speidell – I am pleased to submit this proposal to continue as the Federal Lobbyist for the Metropolitan King County Council and the King County Executive.

During the eleven years that TFG has represented King County in Washington, D.C., we have worked with the County and its congressional delegation to secure more than \$232 million. This includes federal appropriations, authorizations and competitive grants. However, this number does not reflect the significant financial benefits to the County as a result of the impact we have had on broader legislation and regulatory matters. Nor does it include the funds that will be secured in FY 2008, since the appropriations process for FY 2008 is not yet complete. To date, the County has received the following earmarks for its FY 2008 requests, the final disposition of which will occur later this year:

Project	Request	House	Senate
Court Technology Database Project	\$1 million	\$250,000	
Duwamish/Green Ecosystem Restoration Project	\$9.5 million	\$1.6 million	\$2 million
Hybrid Bus Program	\$5 million	\$300,000	
King County Biogas Project	\$1 million	\$500,000	
Lake Washington Ship Canal Project (NOTE: King County withdrew sponsorship for this project after the request was made)	\$400,000		\$400,000
Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Program	\$90 million	\$66.825 million	\$90 million
Pacific Highway Bus Rapid Transit Project	\$14.25 million	\$14.076 million	\$14.25 million
Puget Sound Nearshore Project	\$1.9 million	\$600,000	\$1.5 million
Vashon Island Passenger Only Ferry Project	\$2 million	\$750,000	\$600,000

While we have helped King County secure millions of dollars in federal funding each year since 1997, this proposal will primarily focus on our successes during the last three years.

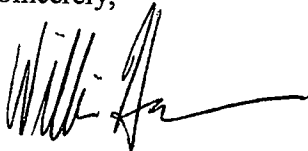
Our proposal, while not inclusive of every activity that we have carried out on behalf of the County, does provide representative samples of our successes, our strong knowledge of the County, its issues, and our ability to handle any issue that is important to King County. For greater detail, please refer to the activity reports included in the appendices.

TFG has provided, and if selected will continue to provide, a vast array of services to King County. These services include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ◆ Assisting King County to develop an annual Federal Agenda and action plan and strategies for implementing that Agenda and plan;
- ◆ Providing specialized assistance in researching, expediting, processing, and monitoring competitive grant applications (TFG founded *Grants Locator* by eCivis, which is currently used by King County and TFG's grant work complements the services the County receives from *Grants Locator*);
- ◆ Preparing all materials submitted to Capitol Hill as necessary for successfully meeting all legislative criteria, deadlines and overall support requirements;
- ◆ Advocating aggressively for the County's Federal Agenda and action plan priorities, grant applications, and any new opportunities that arise, as well as actively opposing legislation or regulations that threaten the County's interests;
- ◆ Developing strong working relationships with the Washington State Congressional Delegation, congressional committees, Administration and federal agencies;
- ◆ Maintaining constant communication with King County's elected officials and staff through telephone calls, emails, briefing memoranda, monthly reports, and personal visits in D.C., King County and at national conferences;
- ◆ Preparing full-service itineraries for meetings in D.C. for King County elected officials and staff, including facilitating key meetings, preparation of briefing materials, talking points, hotel accommodations, airport transportation, and anything else necessary to make the trip as productive and efficient as possible;
- ◆ Forming and maintaining partnerships with national organizations, such as the National Association of Counties and its subgroups, the American Public Transportation Association, and other consulting groups;
- ◆ Participating actively in efforts to assist King County officials with their objectives as part of national organizations; and
- ◆ Maintaining a local office in order to provide timely service as needed in partnership with Rollin Fatland's and Steve Ohlenkamp's company, The Communications Group, LLC.

TFG has a proven record of success as King County's Federal Lobbyist and remains committed to seeking out new ways to provide the County with the highest quality service. We appreciate your time and consideration of our proposal and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



William Hanka
Partner



KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
The Ferguson Group Activity Report
June - August 2007

The Ferguson Group is pleased to submit the activity report for its work on behalf of King County from June through August 2007.

FY 2009 Agenda Meetings in King County

On August 27-28, The Ferguson Group (TFG) traveled to King County to meet with Councilmembers and County staff to begin work on the Fiscal Year 2009 federal agenda. TFG is preparing the first draft of the federal agenda and will send it to Chuck Williams and Maura Brueger by mid-October for their review and comment. In all of the meetings, TFG was accompanied by Chuck Williams, Maura Brueger, Tom Bristow, and Carmela Ennis.

COUNCILMEMBERS PATTERSON AND DUNN

TFG met with Councilmember Patterson and Councilmember Dunn to discuss County priorities for the federal FY 2009 agenda and current status of the appropriation process in D.C.

MEETING WITH JUDGE TRICKEY

TFG met with Presiding Superior Court Judge Michael Trickey and his staff to discuss the status of the FY 2008 project earmark for the Court Technology project. Also discussed was funding for courthouse security.

DEPARTMENT OF EXECUTIVE SERVICES

TFG met with the Department of Executive Services staff to discuss the status of H.R. 811, legislation which would amend the Help America Vote Act to require a voter-verified permanent paper ballot. For FY 2009, a possible project was discussed which would provide federal funding for the regional voting centers.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

TFG met with the Department of Transportation staff to discuss the status of transportation projects on the FY 2008 agenda. For FY 2009, new projects were discussed, including airport taxiway improvements, an upgraded airport firetruck, regional traffic operations, acquisition of environmentally-friendly vehicles, Aurora Avenue North BRT, Bellevue/Redmond BRT, Third Avenue streetscape and transit infrastructure improvements, a bus layover project, a trail connector project, and transit security improvements.

PUBLIC HEALTH

TFG met with Public Health staff to discuss the "Steps to a Healthier US Initiative," academic health centers, disaster preparedness, and the Puget Sound Health Alliance.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

TFG met with Emergency Management staff to discuss the region's Tier II status and a possible briefing for County officials by the Department of Homeland Security

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND PARKS

TFG met with the Natural Resources and Parks staff, to discuss the status of the FY 2008 federal agenda, including an update on the Water Resources Development Act Reauthorization. For FY 2009, new projects were discussed including a waiver from the Drug Enforcement Administration for waste prescriptions, Lower Green River levee improvements (including Tukwila 205), a water reuse project, and funding for the Idaho National Laboratory.

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

TFG met with the Sheriff's staff to discuss the status of the projects on the Sheriff's FY 2008 federal agenda. Possible new project requests for the FY 2009 agenda include equipment technology upgrades and regional transit security.

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

TFG met with Budget staff to discuss the current national financial liquidity situation and its possible effects on King County's investment portfolio.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES

TFG met with Community and Human Services staff to discuss key federal programs, about which they would like TFG to monitor all developments in the HUD Appropriations budget, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the HOME Investment Partnerships program, the McKinney Homeless Assistance program, the Shelter Plus Care program, and the Section 8 program. They specifically requested to be informed of any changes to distributions under the Workforce Investment Act. Also discussed were the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage (FMAP) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. TFG provided strategic advice on submitting an FY 2009 earmark appropriations request, specifically to reconsider submitting the Self-Sufficiency Initiative again. Terry and Cheryl will evaluate submitting an earmark for the Passage Point project.

Upcoming Visit of Mr. Chuck Williams to D.C.

During August, The Ferguson Group began arranging a schedule of meetings with Congressional Delegation offices for Mr. Chuck Williams and Mr. Tom Bristow, who will be in Washington, D.C. on September 10-13 to discuss the current status of the FY 2008 federal agenda and other pending issues.

Latest Action on Site One Issue

During June, July, and August, The Ferguson Group continued to work with County staff to follow-up on issues raised in the County's January 31, 2007, meeting in Washington, D.C. with the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works pertaining to the North Wind's Weir habitat restoration site.

The site was purchased in 2001 following congressional authorization in the 2000 Water Resources Development Act for a total of \$1.85 million, including \$1.239 million in local and state funds. The \$1.239 million was intended to be applied as part of the local match for the project.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has denied King County the full credit for the \$1.239 million paid for the purchase of the property for the habitat restoration project because it argues that the land is less valuable due to a deed restriction, as part of the Elliott Bay Consent Decree.

During a February 21, 2007, conference call, it was decided that County staff would contact the arbitrator who wrote the original consent decree and ask them to tell the Corps that the consent decree deed restriction could legally be lifted for purposes of reevaluating the property. This would enable King County to be credited with the \$1.2 million contribution to the purchase of the non-consent decree portion of the site.

After many months of failed/stalled negotiations, the Corps Headquarters staff immediately started working with the County to resolve the valuation debate. The County and the Corps have come to a resolution on the issue.

There are still a few more steps before the final agreement is signed but it is expected that everything else will proceed smoothly. Had this issue not been resolved, King County would have been unable to partner with the Corps for the construction of North Wind's Weir.

The Resolution is as follows:

1. Costs incurred by King County to amend the consent decree restriction will not be part of Project costs that can be cost shared.
2. No credit can be given for costs incurred by King County to acquire Site 1 as we are now beyond the 5 year eligibility period.
3. No credit will be given for that portion of Site 1 that will remain subject to the Consent Decree Restriction. So for example, if because of subdivision requirements that portion of Site 1 that will still be encumbered by the Consent Decree Restriction must be larger in size and worth more than the \$611,000, there still will be no credit for that portion. Credit will only be available for the remaining portion of Site 1 that is not encumbered by the Consent Decree Restriction.
4. If the value of the two portions of Site 1 that will be created by the hypothetical subdivision exceed the fair market value of Site 1 at the time it was acquired, the 1.8 million, HQ will have to be consulted. It is unlikely in this case but sometimes two smaller lots are worth more than one large lot.
5. Once the value of the remaining portion of Site 1 that will be free of the Consent Decree Restriction has been determined, that value will be stipulated to in the PCA (Project Cooperative Agreement) without the need for a crediting appraisal. The PCA will need to be revised accordingly.

During June and July, Congress continued its work on the 12 annual appropriations bills for FY2008. At the time that Congress adjourned on August 5 for the month-long August Recess, no appropriations bills had been sent to the President for signature (although the full House had approved all 12 of the bills before the recess). Both chambers will reconvene on Tuesday, September 4.

Below is an update on each of the County's Federal Agenda items:

Updated FY2008 Federal Agenda Chart

	PROJECT	DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST	UPDATE
1.	Transportation	<p>Secure the following in the Transportation Appropriations bill:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$14.25 million for the Pacific Highway Bus Rapid Transit Project; 2. \$5 million for the purchase of Hybrid Buses; 3. \$5 million for the South Park Bridge Replacement Project; 4. \$4 million for the Novelty Hill Road Improvement Project; 5. \$2 million for the Transit Oriented Development Project; and 6. \$2 million for the Vashon Island Passenger Only Ferry. <p>Support legislation that would supplement the definition of "Bridge" as used in section 650.403 of the Code of Federal Regulations to include short span structures whose replacement would be more than 20 feet long. This would allow short-spans to qualify for the federal bridge replacement and rehabilitation program.</p>	<p>The House passed its version of FY 08 THUD appropriations on July 24. The House bill contained:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14.076 million for the Pacific Highway Bus Rapid Transit Project; • \$300,000 for the Hybrid Bus Program; and • \$750,000 for the Vashon Island Passenger Only Ferry. <p>The Senate Appropriations Committee approved its version of the THUD on July 12. The Senate bill contained:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$14.25 million for the Pacific Highway Bus Rapid Transit Project; and • \$600,000 for the Vashon Island Passenger Only Ferry.
2.	Salmon Recovery	<p>Secure the following in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$9.5 million for the Duwamish/Green Ecosystem Restoration Program; • Funding for Salmon Habitat Restoration Studies, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$400,000 for the Lake Washington/Ship Canal 	<p>The House approved its version of the FY 2008 Energy and Water Appropriations bill on July 17. The House bill contained:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.6 million for Duwamish/Green; and • \$600,000 for the Puget Sound Neareshore Project. <p>The Senate Appropriations Committee</p>

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		<p>Ecosystem Study; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$1.9 million for the Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Project. <p>Support \$90 million funding level for the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Program, which is critical to habitat recovery projects in King County.</p> <p>Secure \$500,000 to design, implement and maintain a series of on-the-ground restoration projects on private agricultural lands for salmon habitat restoration in the Snoqualmie Watershed through the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program.</p>	<p>marked up its version of the FY 2008 Energy and Water Appropriations bill on June 28. The Senate bill contained:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2 million for Duwamish/Green; • \$400,000 for the Lake Washington Ship Canal project; and • \$1.5 million for the Puget Sound Nearshore Project. <p>The House approved its FY 2008 Department of Commerce Appropriations bill on July 26. The bill contained \$66.825 million for the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Program.</p> <p>The Senate Appropriations Committee approved its FY 2008 Department of Commerce Appropriations bill on June 28. The bill contained \$90 million for the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Program.</p> <p>The House approved its FY 2008 Department of Agriculture Appropriations bill on August 2. The bill contained language directing the Secretary of Agriculture to consider the County's Snoqualmie Watershed Program.</p> <p>The Senate Appropriations Committee approved its FY 2008 Department of Agriculture Appropriations bill on July 19. The bill did not contain funding for the project.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Flood Control</p>	<p>Support Tukwila 205 Levee Reconstruction – up to \$32 million in the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill (Army Corps of Engineers):</p> <p>Reconstruct 4.25 miles of levee protecting the City of Tukwila, Southcenter businesses and other regionally significant economic centers. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and local governments believe reconstruction of the Tukwila 205 levee system for conveyance and capacity improvements is in the best interest of the local communities to ensure the long term protection of lives and property. This request is to</p>	<p>The project was not included in the Army Corps of Engineers' FY 2008 budget request.</p>

		pursue and secure federal funding for reconstruction of the levee system and collaborate with local and state agencies on design and project implementation.	
4.	Puget Sound Recovery Initiative	<p>Support Pacific Northwest National Laboratory's efforts to secure funding for Endocrine Disrupting Compounds research in partnership with King County on aquatic effects and effective treatment methods.</p> <p>Support federal designation and funding of the Puget Sound Initiative.</p> <p>Support King County Wastewater Treatment Division as a pilot for a water quality cap & trade system with USDA and/or the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).</p>	<p>The House passed its version of the FY 2008 Interior-Environment Appropriations on June 27. The bill did not contain the project.</p> <p>The House bill did include \$15 million for Puget Sound restoration in the Environmental Protection Agency's budget.</p> <p>The Senate Appropriations Committee passed its version of the FY 2008 Interior-Environment Appropriations on June 21. The bill did not contain the project.</p>
5.	Wastewater	Secure \$2 million in the EPA's State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) program for construction of Quartermaster Harbor community wastewater treatment facilities.	<p>The House passed its version of the FY 2008 Interior-Environment Appropriations on June 27. The bill did not contain the project.</p> <p>The Senate Appropriations Committee passed its version of the FY 2008 Interior-Environment Appropriations on June 21. The bill did not contain the project.</p>
6.	Workforce Development	Support \$500,000 in the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education Appropriations bill for the Seattle King County Workforce Development Council to integrate workforce training services into other social services currently offered to ex-offenders transitioning back into the community.	<p>The House approved its version of FY 2008 Department of Labor Appropriations on July 19. The House bill did not include funding for this project.</p> <p>The Senate Appropriations Committee passed its version of the FY 2008 Department of Labor Appropriations on June 21. The Senate bill did not contain the project.</p> <p>TFG is working with the delegation to pursue an opportunity to secure funding in conference.</p>

7.	Emergency Management	Support federal legislation that provides revenue tools to local governments to fund the new infrastructure needed to provide effective e-911 services resulting from internet service providers offering Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP). Monitor future activity pertaining to the FCC regulation requiring VoIP to provide e-911 service.	On March 26 th , the Senate Commerce Committee Approved the "911 Modernization Act." The bill was later incorporated into H.R. 1, the "Implementing the Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission" bill. The bill, signed by the President on August 3, would fund implementation of the "Enhance 911 Act of 2004", with grants supporting state and local government E-911 services.
8.	Homeland Security/ Bioterrorism	Support first-responder legislation to streamline funding to local first responders and provide them with greater control over how grant resources would be expended at the local level. Support legislation that would allow for the funding of full time equivalents for critical Homeland Security functions via the various Homeland Security grant programs.	Congress approved the "Implementing the Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission" legislation on July 27. The bill would shift a greater portion of funding in the State Homeland Security Grant program to high-threat, high-risk states and urban areas. The bill will also support FTEs dedicated exclusively to covered Homeland Security activities at the state and local level.
9.	Sheriff's Wireless Communications Project	Secure \$3.8 million for the second phase of deployment of a Regional Interagency Wireless Communications and Data Sharing Program to enhance King County's ability to communicate with local, state and federal agencies in the All Hazards Response environment.	
10.	Methamphetamine Superfund	Support legislation to increase funding for methamphetamine site clean-up and effective substance abuse treatment for methamphetamine users.	TFG continued to keep the County apprised of developments in federal methamphetamine legislation. On June 6, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee held a hearing on S 635, companion legislation to a House passed bill (H.R. 365) that would create a research program for the cleanup of meth labs.
11.	Health Care Reform	Support acceleration and expansion of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) efforts to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicly support and implement quality measures endorsed by the 	No Update

		<p>Institute of Medicine (IOM) and public reporting of the measures;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support health information technology, clinical information system adoption and clinical management capabilities; • Fund regional, interoperable health information technology networks; and • Fund Pay for Quality Improvement pilot programs. <p>Support \$350,000 request from the Department of Health and Human Service's Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services appropriation for the Puget Sound Health Alliance for the development of a health information database to measure and share quality of care information across employers and health plans in the Puget Sound region.</p> <p>Support CMS and the Agency of Health Research and Quality (AHRQ) to continue to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicly support cost-effective evidence-based medicine and medical practices; • Advocate the importance of improving quality of health care delivered; and • Fund innovative pilot programs, demonstration projects and evaluations that focus on quality of care issues, i.e., STEPS (United States Healthier Initiatives) for Health and Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH). <p>Seek to position the Puget Sound Health Alliance with the Department of Health and Human Services as an innovative pilot or demonstration project for quality of care issues.</p> <p>Secure funding to support the evaluation component of King County's Healthy Incentives Initiative which employs a unique combination of strategies to drive down health care costs by improving employee health.</p>	
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12.	Housing and Community Development Funds	<p>Housing and Urban Development Appropriations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase appropriation for Community Development Block Grant formula funds to \$5 billion nationwide and ensure that King County's formula share is maintained or increased; • Adequately fund the Section 8 voucher program; • Maintain or increase funding in the reauthorization of the McKinney/Vento Act for Homeless Assistance and ensure the renewal of Shelter Plus Care funding; • Maintain or increase funding for HOME program; and • Secure \$500,000 in Economic Development Initiative funds for development of Passage Point, a transitional housing program targeting homeless single parents exiting the criminal justice system with substance abuse and/or co-occurring disorders, and trying to re-unite with their children. This project will serve a tri-county area. 	<p>TFG continued advocating to the King County congressional delegation for \$500,000 in FY 2008 HUD Economic Development Initiative funds for development of Passage Point. The project was not funded in the respective FY 2008 House and Senate TTHUD Appropriation.</p> <p>TFG worked with other local government advocates in Washington, D.C. to push members of the congressional delegation and their colleagues to increase funding for CDBG, Section 8 Vouchers, Homeless Assistance, and HOME. The respective House and Senate TTHUD Appropriations bills include funding increases above the FY 2007 enacted funding levels.</p>
13.	Homelessness Funding	<p>Health and Human Services Budget</p> <p>Support legislation to provide supportive services to eliminate homelessness as outlined in the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness in King County by 2015.</p>	<p>The House passed its FY 2008 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development spending bill on July 24. The Senate Appropriations Committee approved its version of the bill on July 12. The House and Senate bill provides \$1.6 for the Homeless Assistance Grants Program and \$300million for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program.</p>
14.	Biogas Funding	<p>Secure \$1 million in the Department of Energy renewable energy account or USDA Rural Development grants for Enumclaw manure biogas project for an anaerobic digester and research on reducing nutrients from the residual digester effluent.</p>	<p>The House approved its version of the FY 2008 Department of Energy Appropriations bill on July 17. The House bill contained \$500,000 for the project.</p> <p>The Senate Appropriations Committee marked up its version of the FY 2008</p>

		Secure funds for additional pasture acquisition (Farmland Protection Program) to ensure both space for grazing animals as well as sites to spread the digester products.	Department of Energy Appropriations bill on June 28. The Senate bill did not contain the project.
15.	Court Technology	Secure \$1 million in the Department of Justice Appropriations Community Oriented Policing Services Technology account to support upgrades to the King County Superior Court's docket database.	<p>The House approved its version of the FY 2008 Justice Appropriations bill on July 26. The House bill contained \$250,000 for the project.</p> <p>The Senate Appropriations Committee marked up its version of the FY 2008 Justice Appropriations bill on June 28. The Senate bill did not contain the project.</p>

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Project Name	FY 05	FY 06	Pending FY 07
Bus Radio Replacement	*	\$2,000,000	\$750,000
Cedar Green Partnership	\$1,600,000	\$2,000,000	*
Clean Air Hybrid Buses	\$5,000,000	*	*
County-wide Signal Program	\$2,000,000		*
Duwamish/Green	\$1,250,000	\$1,875,000	\$2,000,000
Influenza Pandemic Preparedness	*	*	\$350,000
Lake Washington Ship Canal	\$450,000	\$235,000	\$400,000
Maury Island Conservation Initiative	\$1,500,000	*	*
Molten Fuel Cell Demonstration	\$400,000		*
Puget Sound and Adjacent Waters	\$500,000	\$1,500,000	
Puget Sound Nearshore	\$525,000	\$750,000	\$1,500,000
Puyallup/White River	\$450,000		
Tolt Bridge Replacement	*	\$250,000	\$1,000,000
Vashon Island Passenger Only Ferry		\$1,400,000	\$500,000
Total	\$13,675,000	\$10,010,000	\$6,500,000

* Denotes projects not requested.