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

Dear Councilmember Upthegrove:

This letter transmits the Art Therapy Program Report as called for by King County Council Ordinance 19546, Section 71, Proviso P1, and a proposed Motion that would, if enacted, approve the report.

The 2023-2024 biennial budget included an allocation of \$200,000 of Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) fund dollars along to implement a grant-based art therapy pilot program that incorporates culturally appropriate, trauma-informed behavioral health services for cultural and ethnic communities. This report describes the steps taken by the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) to select Unified Outreach as the recipient of these funds, consistent with the requirements of MIDD initiative SI-01 community-driven behavioral health grants, as directed by Ordinance 19546. It also provides program data and evaluation of the first year of the pilot program through 2023.

Unified Outreach supports youth behavioral health through art projects and participation in activities with peers and a therapist to improve mental health and well-being. The project supported Unified Outreach to develop and distribute its first-ever printed publication of *Vibrant*, an arts and culture magazine created by and for King County's Black youth population.

Thank you for your consideration of this report. If your staff have any questions, please contact Kelly Rider, Director, Department of Community and Human Services, at 206-263-5780.

The Honorable Dave Upthegrove

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Braddock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, circular flourish at the end.

for

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers
ATTN: Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff
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