April 24, 2018

The Honorable Joe McDermott

Chair, King County Council

Room 1200

C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember McDermott:

Pursuant to King County Council Ordinance 18409, Section 105, as amended by Ordinance 18602, Section 62, enclosed is a city homelessness expenditure plan detailing allocation of supplemental matching grants for homeless shelter and services in King County outside Seattle, and an accompanying motion approving the plan.

The report responds to Proviso P5, which states and requests the following:

*No moneys restricted by Expenditure Restriction ER4 of this appropriation shall be expended or encumbered until the executive transmits a city homelessness expenditure plan and a motion that should approve the city homelessness expenditure plan and reference the subject matter, the proviso's ordinance, ordinance section and proviso number in both the title and body of the motion and a motion approving the city homelessness expenditure plan is passed by the council.*

*The city homelessness expenditure plan shall include, but not be limited to:*

1. *A list of cities proposed to receive the grants to fund new or expanded shelters, services or programs for people experiencing homelessness;*
2. *A description of each shelter, service or program recommended for funding, with the amount and proposed timeline; and*
3. *A description of how each city recommended for a grant proposes to implement its shelter to help those experiencing homelessness or on programs or services that provide pathways to stability to those experiencing homelessness, including but not limited to:*

*1.  Meaningful engagement of people living unsheltered; and*

*2.  Connections to mental health and chemical dependency supports.*

In January 2017, the King County One Night Count identified over 5,400 individuals living outdoors or in vehicles. An additional 6,100 were located in shelters, transitional housing or other situations that qualify them as homeless. King County continues to pursue innovative ways to address the homeless problem, including providing additional resources to spur regional partnerships, as the King County Council did in Ordinance 18602 last fall.

In November 2017, the King County Council allocated $1 million in funding to support new or expanded shelter or homeless services in King County outside Seattle. The shelter or homeless services are to be provided over a three-year period (2018-2020) and the local jurisdiction where the services are provided is required to provide a cash or in-kind match.

The Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) is administering the funds. In accordance with King County Council and DCHS policy, the department completed a competitive request for proposal (RFP) process to allocate the funds. This included multiple stakeholder meetings, receipt and review of proposals, RFP extension to respond to stakeholder concern about timing, and competitive allocation.

DCHS is recommending funding for seven programs, including two in east King County, four in south King County, and one in north King County. As the report details, the funds will be used to expand shelter hours and expand housing navigation and outreach services. DCHS anticipates having grants in place by the end of second quarter 2018, with grants running through the end of 2020.

Together with many partners, King County is dedicated to finding effective short- and long-term solutions to the critical issue of homelessness in our region. Making homelessness rare, brief and one-time is also a core value in the Equity and Social Justice Initiative and aligns with the King County Strategic Plan.

It is estimated that this report cost $2,500 to produce. There are no printing costs.

Thank you for your interest in our continuing efforts to address homelessness throughout King County. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Adrienne Quinn, Director, Department of Community and Human Services, at 206-263-9100.

Sincerely,

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King County Executive

Enclosures

cc: King County Councilmembers

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