



King County

Metropolitan King County Council

Regional Policy Committee

Staff Report

Agenda Item No.: 6 Name: Beth Mountsier

Proposed Motion No.: 2010-0333 Date: July 14, 2010

Attending: Linda Peterson, Manager, Community Services Division,
Department of Community and Human Services

SUBJECT: A MOTION accepting the annual progress report on the implementation of the King County Veterans and Human Services Levy Service Improvement Plan, as required by Ordinance 15632.

SUMMARY:

Proposed Motion 2010-0333 (**Attachment 1**) accepts the annual progress report on the implementation of the King County Veterans and Human Services Levy Service Improvement Plan as required by Ordinance 15632. The 2009 Annual Report is attached to the motion. This motion has been dually referred to the Regional Policy Committee and Law Justice and Human Services Committee for consideration and action.

The Annual Report is intended to be shared with the broader community and includes a report or brief introduction from the chairs of the two oversight boards and 2009 highlights of levy funded service improvements in each of the five overarching strategy areas. The report submitted by the Executive June 1, 2010 meets the criteria set forth in Ordinance 15632, including providing updated financial plans and a board report (**Attachment 2**). An update on levy evaluation activities underway is incorporated into the annual report.

Additional information requested at the June briefing regarding progress reports and evaluation process and outcomes is being synthesized into a more thorough report that will be issued digitally prior to the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Motion 2010-0333, (with Attachment A the 2009 Veterans and Human Services Levy Annual Report)
2. 2010 Updated Financial Plan for Veterans and Family Levy/1141 and Human Services Levy/1142



KING COUNTY
Signature Report

July 8, 2010

Motion

Proposed No. 2010-0333.1

Sponsors Ferguson and von Reichbauer

1 A MOTION accepting the annual progress report on
2 the implementation of the King County Veterans
3 and Human Services Levy Service Improvement
4 Plan, as required by Ordinance 15632.

5 WHEREAS, the voters of King County approved a ballot measure in November
6 2005 to create a regional health and human services fund to benefit veterans, military
7 personnel and their families and other residents in need, and

8 WHEREAS, in April 2006, the King County council approved Ordinance 15406,
9 calling for the creation of a service improvement plan to guide the steps of
10 implementation and use of the funds, and

11 WHEREAS, in October 2006, the King County council approved Ordinance
12 15632, calling for annual reporting on the implementation of the levy service
13 improvement plan, and

14 WHEREAS, Ordinance 15632 directs the county executive to submit to the
15 council and the regional policy committee the first annual progress report by June 1,
16 2007, and an annual progress report each year thereafter through 2011;

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

18 The King County council accepts the 2009 annual progress report on the
19 implementation of the King County Veterans and Human Services Levy Service

Motion

20 Improvement Plan and authorizes the department of community and human services to
21 proceed with levy planning and implementation.

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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Robert W. Ferguson, Chair

ATTEST:

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, _____.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: A. 2009 Annual Report--Veterans and Human Services Levy

▶ 2009 Annual Report ◀

Veterans & Human Services Levy



King County

The Veterans and Human Services Levy was approved by King County voters in November 2005. It will provide over \$13 million each year through 2011 to help people in need around the county. The levy serves four different groups of people:

- Veterans, military personnel, and their families
- Individuals and families who have experienced long-term homelessness
- Individuals who have recently been released from prison or jail
- Families and young children who are at risk

Half of the levy revenue is dedicated to veterans, military personnel, and their families (Veterans Levy Fund) and the other half is for other individuals and families in need (Human Services Fund).

To best serve these groups, funds from the levy have been allocated to five different strategy areas:

1. Enhancing services and access for veterans, military personnel, and their families
2. Ending homelessness through outreach, prevention, permanent supportive housing, and employment
3. Increasing access to behavioral health services
4. Strengthening families at risk
5. Increasing the effectiveness of levy funds by evaluating programs and managing levy resources

For further information please see the levy website at:
www.kingcounty.gov/DCHS/levy

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2009 Annual Report

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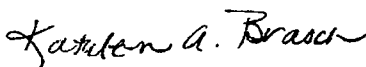
IN THE MIDST OF DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIMES, the people of King County have come together to care for our neighbors. Thanks to the voter-approved Veterans and Human Services Levy, we have had the resources to help thousands of veterans, families, and individuals who might otherwise have had nowhere else to turn. Levy services have been important, not only to veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, who have returned home from their deployments to find a welcoming hand and help with the transition to peacetime life, but also to those who served in prior engagements such as the Gulf and Vietnam Wars. The levy has helped young, first-time mothers grow confident as parents and set goals for the future, linked immigrant parents with resources to stabilize their families in a new country, and given many living on the streets for far too long, a place to call home. The levy served approximately 28,000 people throughout King County during 2009:

- We expanded King County Veterans Program (KCVP) outreach services to 22 sites throughout the county to serve families of active duty and returning service members, and began outreach services to National Guard and Reserve members and their families. We also completed a new Military Kids Curriculum to help children with the issues they face when their parents deploy. The new curriculum is being implemented with the assistance of the Puget Sound Educational Service District.
- We completed three affordable housing projects during 2009, adding 208 new housing units. We broke ground on nine additional projects, including Compass Center's Veterans Housing Program in Renton that will provide 44 units of housing for veteran households. One previously opened housing project, Plymouth Housing Group's Simons Apartments, was a finalist in Affordable Housing Finance Magazine's Fifth Annual Reader's Choice Award for the nation's best low-income housing developments.
- We leveraged many community efforts to serve people in need. Behavioral health services, for example, as part of King County's safety net consortium of community health clinics, screened nearly 7,500 people for mental health and substance abuse issues. Another project identified almost 1,000 women experiencing maternal depression and helped more than 600 of them receive treatment and follow-up through integrated behavioral health programs.

As members of the levy's oversight boards, we have worked to ensure that levy funds are managed prudently and strategically, and that they serve as many people as possible. During 2009, we visited levy programs in action and reviewed all evaluations completed on the levy to date. We reached out to local governments and citizen organizations throughout the county, informing them about the levy and learning from them how this countywide resource could best continue to serve the people in their communities. This annual report documents our progress in each of the levy's five strategy areas and outlines the funding we awarded during 2009. For more information on the levy's activities, please see www.kingcounty.gov/DCHS/levy.

For a cost of less than \$15 a year for the average King County household, the Veterans and Human Services Levy has accomplished a great deal. We are proud of our success to date, and prouder still of the fact that we live in a community that has banded together in tough times to help those in need.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. Brasch, Co-Chair
Regional Human Services Levy
Oversight Board



Bill Wood, Chair
Veterans Levy
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Loran Lichty, Co-Chair
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Strategy 1

Craig: Retraining for success

AFTER CRAIG LEFT THE 3RD U.S. ARMY INFANTRY REGIMENT having risen to the rank of sergeant, he got married, used his GI Bill benefits to get an associate's degree in marketing and management, and found a job as a sales manager in the satellite and cable TV industry.

Craig spent years working in cable and satellite TV. In 2009, however, as the bleak national economy forced consolidations among TV providers, Craig lost his job. Out of work at 58, Craig wasn't sure where to turn. He had been successful at his job and he had a great skill set... but his skills were based on a shrinking industry.

Craig knew that Seattle had become a national environmental leader, and thought a green job would give him better employment opportunities for the future. But he knew he would need training to succeed.

Thanks to the King County Veterans' Program and the levy-funded Veterans' Conservation Corps, Craig was able to enroll in South Seattle Community College's Conservation and Weatherization Program. Of the 33 students in his class, more than 20 were fellow veterans. After completing the program, Craig passed the Building Performance Institute, Inc. (BPI) professional certification test, a nationally recognized credential for energy efficiency retrofit work.

With his BPI certification, Craig was eligible to work on conservation and retrofit projects and quickly found a job on Seattle City Light's Quick Lighting Upgrade Initiative. Today, he uses both his sales experience and his new conservation skills to help local businesses replace obsolete, inefficient lighting with new, energy-conserving fixtures, a win for everyone involved.

