

Agenda

King County Pandemic and Racism Community Advisory Group

April 1st, 10:30 am – 12 pm

- Welcome**, Michelle Merriweather, President & CEO, Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle **10:35-10:40**
- Land acknowledgment
 - Agenda overview
- Public Health Updates**, Jeffrey Duchin, MD, Health Officer and Chief, Communicable Disease Epidemiology & Immunization Section **10:41-11:05**
- Covid-19 updates
 - Phase 3 Healthy Washington
 - Discussion: Rising rates and our collective response
- Budget**, Aaron Rubardt, Deputy Budget Director, King County & Michael Gedeon, Chief Administrative Officer, Public Health - Seattle & King County **11:06-11:36**
- Review of 2021-2022 budget, including anti-racism budget
 - Current funding from state and federal government
 - Looking forward: 2023-2024 budget and on-going engagement with PARCAG
- Community Café**: COVID Rental Assistance, Ginger Kwan, Executive Director, Open Doors for Multicultural Families **11:37-11:47**
- Steering Committee Updates, Michelle Merriweather** **11:48-11:55**
- Thank you, Jodilyn Owen, Tara Lawal, and Kimberly Meck
 - New Steering Committee members, Ginger Kwan, Open Doors for Multicultural Families & Dedra Barrow, MPH, African Americans Reach and Teach Health (AARTH) Ministry
 - Institutional partners Meeting, April 8th

2021-2022 Budget at a Glance



\$12.6 BILLION
TWO-YEAR BUDGET



15,000+ EMPLOYEES



60+ PROGRAMS, BOTH
REGIONAL AND
UNINCORPORATED
KING COUNTY



SERVING 2.2 MILLION
RESIDENTS
(12TH LARGEST COUNTY
IN THE U.S.)

2021-2022 Key Budget Highlights

COVID-19 Response and Recovery

- In 2021-2022 biennial budget and in subsequent COVID supplementals

Health through Housing Sales Tax

- \$68 million for affordable housing, supportive housing, and behavioral health services

Anti-racist Budget

- \$6.2 million to divert youth from court system to community-based organizations
- \$4.6 million in marijuana excise taxes divested from law enforcement to community-based programs
- \$1.2 million to support the expansion of electronic home monitoring
- Working with community, Metro, and Sherriff's Office on public safety design
- Keeping jail population low post-COVID
- Engaging communities in program design and participatory budgeting
- Expanding community investment (housing, jobs, etc.)
- Internal county investment in BIPOC employees and systemic changes

These efforts are part of a long-term strategy that will—over multiple budget cycles—redeploy resources from downstream responses to upstream programs that will continue to shift the County's focus from a system of criminal justice to one of racial and social justice.

COVID 7 Proposal

Public Health Response - \$253M

- Vaccination program
- Contact tracing, mobile health units, PH response
- Judicial system operations
- Grants: the Executive's Office & departments

Community Supports - \$199M

- Rental assistance
- Emergency homeless response
- Behavioral health services
- Childcare
- Food security

Economic Recovery - \$92M

- BIPOC business and economic resiliency fund
- Creative economy support
- Apprenticeship and job training programs
- Small business grants and permitting support in Unincorporated King County

King County Jobs Program - \$40M

- Creates new temporary jobs and recruits people to fill them from the shelter system or other emergency and supported housing programs

Timing

- President Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act on March 11th
- King County Executive Constantine proposed \$600M in investments on March 24th
- King County Council is reviewing proposal and plans to approve in May

Looking Forward

More Budgets

- First non-COVID changes to 2021-2022 budget, called the "1st Omnibus" (spring 2021)
- COVID 8 (summer 2021)
- Mid-Biennial budget (fall 2021)
- Planning for the 2023-2024 budget (winter 2021)

Planning for the 2023-2024 budget

- Business plan development and instructions
- Technical instructions
- Policy guidance
- Community engagement



COVID 7: Public Health Department

Vaccination Program: \$100 M

- High/Med Sites (\$84 M)
- Community Vaccination Events (\$800K)
- Mobile Teams (\$10.2 M)
- CBO Partnerships (\$2 M)
- Media (\$1 M)
- Planning, Coordination, & Admin (\$1.7M)

PH COVID Response: \$90 M

- Contact tracing, Investigation (\$16.1 M)
- Community Mitigation & Recovery (\$2.3 M)
- Testing (\$25.2 M)
- Care Coordination (\$9.8 M)
- I&Q Facilities (\$16.5 M)
- Mobile Testing (\$3.3 M)
- SafeStart (\$1.8 M)
- Food Security (\$5 M)
- Call Center, Public Info, Admin (\$6.9 M)
- ACA Special Enrollment (\$500k)

2023-24 Budget & Public Health

Context

- History of PH funding
 - Struggled to have resources for core PH work including sustaining community partnerships
- What happens after the pandemic funding goes away?

Next Steps

- Commitment to more and better community participation in developing and implementing the department's budget
- Ask: Meet mid to late summer to share ideas and develop next steps for greater community participation and transparency

Thank you, Community!

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