



DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DIVISION

2016/2017

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDING
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS**

JANUARY 2017

OVERVIEW OF KING COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DIVISION

The King County Developmental Disabilities Division's (KCDDD) mission is to assist County residents of all ages and cultures who have developmental disabilities achieve full, active, integrated, and productive participation in community. Services and supports include:

- Early Intervention (EI) services;
- Adult Employment services and School-to-Work (S2W);
- Community Access services; and
- Community Information and Outreach services.

DISCRETIONARY FUNDING PROCESS

In May 2015, the KCDDD announced a process to allocate \$500,000 in discretionary funding to:

- enhance the delivery of core services;
- pilot and implement new service strategies; and
- address emerging needs, issues, and opportunities.

The Board for Developmental Disabilities was asked to work with KCDDD staff to oversee the process and participate in the development of funding strategies, a funding approach, and a set of Board approved funding recommendations.

COMMUNITY INPUT

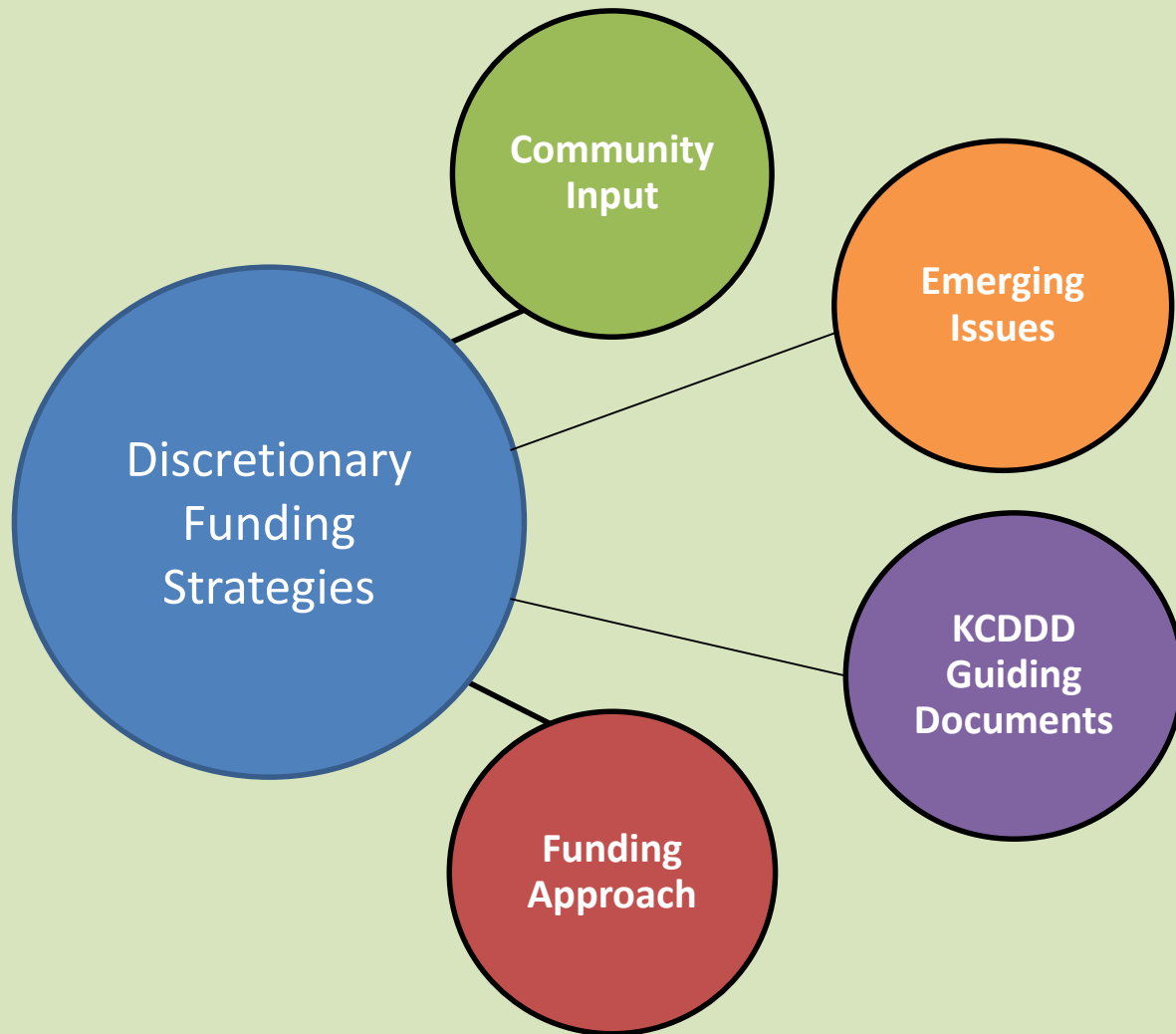
Over 700 individuals from 130 groups and organizations with interests in developmental disabilities were engaged in a community input process in 2015 through community meetings, conversations, and interviews to identify and gain perspective on:

- what is working well?;
- what could be improved or enhanced?; and
- emerging issues.

This effort resulted in community input, that in addition to other considerations, supported the Board in the development of a set of discretionary funding strategies.

DEVELOPING FUNDING STRATEGIES

In developing funding strategies, community input, and emerging issues were cross-walked with KCDDD's guiding documents, funding approach, and past use of discretionary funding



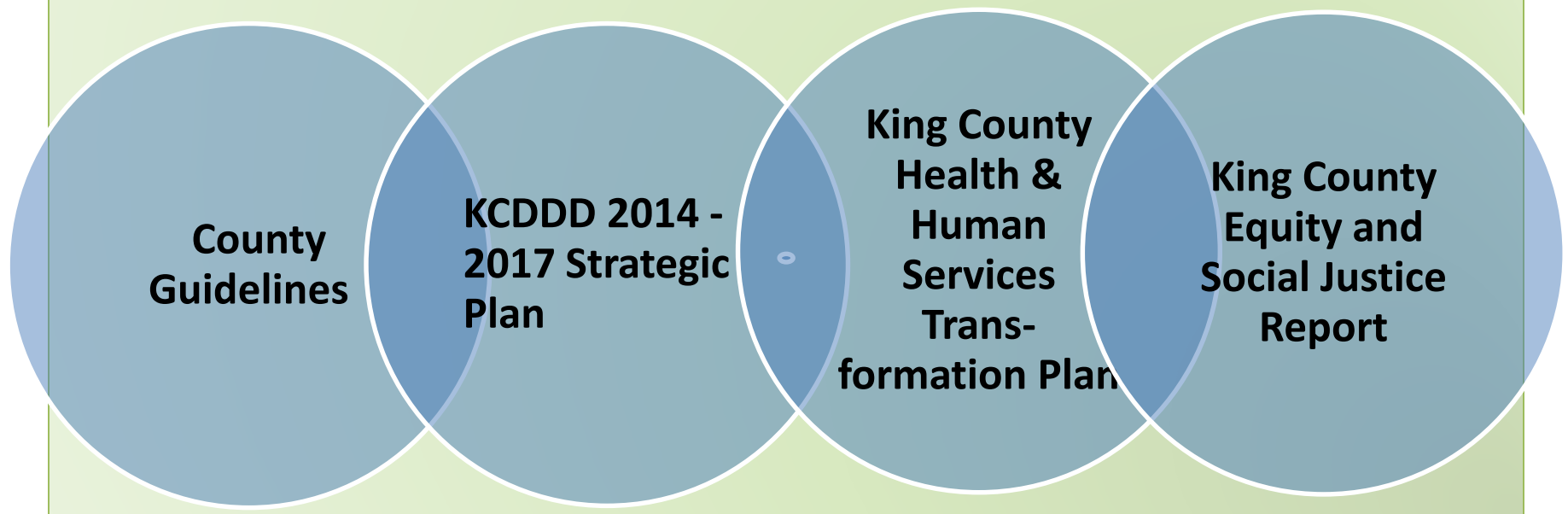
FUNDING STRATEGIES

The process resulted in the development of the following funding strategies for discretionary funding that were presented at the December 2015 Board meeting:

1. Coordinate system improvements for individuals with developmental disabilities through collaborations with the respite care, crisis response, juvenile justice, school, transportation, and housing systems.
2. Expand and enhance information and outreach services to reach more diverse communities.
3. Promote sustainable family support program model(s) that get families the services they need in their local communities.
4. Increase the availability of supports for families experiencing behavioral health issues.
5. Expand and enhance stakeholder training and technical assistance that increases diverse individual's access to high-quality adult employment and School-to-Work services.
6. Expand equity and social justice training for stakeholders that increases diverse families' access to high-quality Early Intervention services.

FUNDING APPROACH

In addition to KCDDD's mission, several other guiding documents informed the development of a funding approach used by the Board. These documents include:



FUNDING APPROACH

Information found in the guiding documents was used to develop a funding approach that:

1. promotes inclusion, choice, and equitable access to services and supports.
2. increases the availability of services and supports that align with federal, state, and local initiatives regarding integration of health and humans services.
3. increases the availability of high-quality services that are outcome-based, evaluated, and utilize data in decision making.
4. addresses root causes of problems and decreases inequity.
5. increase connections between healthy development, healthy relationships, school readiness and success, employment, and quality of life.

This funding approach was used by the Board to refine funding strategies into a set of funding recommendations.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Strategy 1. Coordinate system improvements for individuals with developmental disabilities through collaborations with the respite care, crisis response, juvenile justice, school, transportation, and housing systems.
Rec. A. Enhance the crisis response systems capacity to serve people with developmental disabilities.
Rec. B. Sponsor a Board led Developmental Disabilities housing conference or fund a Developmental Disabilities housing track, as part of an existing housing conference.
Strategy 2. Expand and enhance information and outreach services to reach more diverse communities.
Rec. A. Expand and enhance developmental disabilities information and outreach services to reach more diverse and underserved communities.
Strategy 3. Promote sustainable family support program model(s) that gets families the services they need in their local communities.
Rec. A. Fund family support services that increase family and individual access to the supports they need in their local communities.
Rec. B. Increase the pool of providers who can work with families experiencing behavioral health issues.
Strategy 4. Expand and enhance stakeholder training and technical assistance that increases diverse individuals access to high-quality adult employment and School-to-Work services.
Rec. A. Increase Employment providers capacity to provide supports to individuals from diverse communities.
Strategy 5. Expand equity and social justice training for stakeholders that increases diverse families access to high-quality Early Intervention services.
Rec. A. Support training of Early Intervention providers to effectively engage and serve multicultural families.
Rec. B. Provide training that increases knowledge and skills of Early Intervention staff to strengthen the social–emotional well-being of families and address infant/child mental health issues.
Strategy 6. Overarching funding recommendations – meets more than the need of a single funding strategy.
Rec. A. Create a diverse “think tank” of community members to provide input and feedback to the Board when it receives requests for public input or seeks community input.
Rec. B. Hold Board meetings in evenings or weekends and with supports to encourage participation by people who do not attend current Board meetings.

QUESTIONS?

Questions and comments about this presentation can be directed to Jim Ott, Community Information and Outreach Manager by phone at 206-263-9060 or by email at jim.ott@kingcounty.gov.

LINKS

Links for documents referenced in this presentation are listed below:

- The KCDDD Vision and Mission:
<http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/developmental-disabilities/about/overview.aspx>
- County Guidelines:
http://www.kingcounty.gov/~media/health/ddd/documents/county_guidelines.ashx?la=en
- The KCDDD 2014-2017 Strategic Plan:
http://www.kingcounty.gov/~media/health/ddd/documents/2014%20Documents/2014-2017_DD_Svcs_Three-Year_Plan_Final.ashx?la=en
- The King County Health and Human Services Transformation Plan:
<http://www.kingcounty.gov/~media/Council/documents/Issues/YAP/KCHealthandHumanServicesTransformationPlan2013.ashx>
- The King County Equity and Social Justice Report:
<http://www.kingcounty.gov/elected/executive/constantine/priorities/building-equity.aspx>