

#### Urban Consortium Joint Recommendations Committee

Meeting Materials for Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017: version III. Click on a

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Attachment D	Housing Repair Program 2018 Set Aside Paper

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### **Agenda**

## JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE (JRC) MEETING

Thursday, March 23, 2017 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM South Renton Treatment Plant Admin Building 1200 Monster Road S.W., Renton, WA 98057

<u>Directions and map</u> http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wtd/About/System/South.aspx

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. February 23, 2017 Meeting Minutes

5 Min

Attachment A, B – Action Item All

- III. Consolidated Annual Evaluation and Performance Report

  Info Item All

  <a href="http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/housing/plans-reports.aspx">http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/housing/plans-reports.aspx</a>

  Attachment C

  Valerie Kendall, HDC, Affordable Housing Planner
- IV. Public Meeting Regarding Community Development 10 Min and Housing Needs: Public Input
- V. Housing Repair Program Recommendation for Increase in Set-aside

  20 Min
  Action Item ▲ Joint Agreement and ♣ Consortium Cities Only
  Attachment D, Handout
  Jackie Moynahan, HCD, Capital Project Program Manager
- VI. Info Items

Housing Finance Program's Proposed Schedule for 2018 Capital Funding Round *Jackie Moynahan, HCD, Capital Project Program Manager* 

- VII. Round Table Discussion / Other Items
  - Federal Budget
  - ICA Discussion Update,
  - Legislative Agenda Updates

#### **ADJOURN**

Next Meeting: April 27, 2017 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Location: South Renton Treatment Plant, Renton WA

http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/housing/consortium.aspx

#### JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTTEE MEETING Thursday, February 23, 2017 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Renton Treatment Center

#### **Members Present:**

Ken Hearing, Mayor, City of North Bend, JRC Chair (Sound Cities Association)

De'Sean Quinn, Councilmember, City of Tukwila, JRC Vice-Chair (Sound Cities Association)

Dan Grausz, Councilmember, City of Mercer Island (Sound Cities Association)

Leslie Miller, Human Services Administrator, City of Kirkland Parks and Community Services

Jeff Watson, Community Services Manager, City of Federal Way

Josephine Wong, Deputy Director King County Department of Community and Human Services

Gary Prince, Transit Oriented Development Manager, King County Department of Transportation

#### **Members Not Present:**

Pam Fernald, Councilmember, City of SeaTac (Sound Cities Association)

Carol Ann Witscht, Councilmember, City of Renton

Rob Beem, Community Services manager, City of Shoreline

John Starbard, Director, King County Department of Permitting and Environmental Review

Merina Hanson, Housing and Human Services Manager, City of Kent

Dan Stroh, Planning Director, City of Bellevue

Steve Walker, Director Office of Housing, City of Seattle

#### **King County Staff:**

Kathy Tremper, Coordinator, Housing and Community Development (HCD), DCHS

Jackie Moynahan, Capital Programs Manager, HCD, DCHS

Al D'Alessandro Project Manager, HCD, DCHS

David Mecklenburg, Project Manager, HCD, DCHS

Martha Gonzalez, Administrative Specialist, DCHS

#### **Guests:**

Erica Azcueta, City of Auburn

Dee Dee Catalano, City of Bellevue

Chris Pasinetti, City of Enumclaw

Dianne Utecht, City of Renton

Colleen Brandt-Schluter, City of SeaTac

Evie Boykan, City of Tukwila

Ellie Wilson Jones, Sound Cities Association

#### I. Welcome and Introductions

Mayor Ken Hearing, Committee Chair opened the meeting at 9:36 a.m. He welcomed guests and asked for introductions.

### II. Review December 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes Attachment A – Action Item, All

**MOTION:** Councilmember De'Sean Quinn made a motion to accept the December 1, 2016 meeting minutes. Leslie Miller seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### III. Elect 2017 JRC Chair and Vice Chair

**MOTION:** Councilmember De'Sean Quinn made a motion to elect Mayor Ken Hearing as the 2017 JRC Chair. Councilmember Dan Grausz seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**MOTION:** Mayor Ken Hearing made a motion to elect Councilmember De'Sean Quinn as the 2017 JRC Vice Chair. Gary Prince seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### IV. Review JRC Consortium Procedures, Meeting Location and 2017 JRC Work Plan

Kathy Tremper presented the 2017 JRC Calendar for discussion and approval. Dan Grausz wanted the JRC to meet in April for an update on the ICA workgroup's progress to which the JRC agreed. Discussion ensued regarding the ICA Work Group and subsequent reporting back to the JRC.

It was noted that an update regarding the ICA Work Group will be provided on March 23 with time for discussion. The JRC agreed to make the ICA Work Plan a standing item on the Agenda in order to incorporate JRC and Work Group input. It was clarified that the Fair Housing Work Group will be a subgroup of the ICA Work Group.

Gary Prince inquired about optional attendance for the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Kathy explained that date was for the CDBG Capital RFP Public Forum. JRC members are welcome to attend but it is not a required meeting. Kathy pointed out the draft calendar lists November 30th as the date for the JRC to approve and adopt the final Affordable Housing Capital Recommendations. This item will be moved to December 7<sup>th</sup> due to the amount of Housing Finance Program analysis needed for the housing project reviews.

The JRC agreed to see an updated calendar at the next meeting prior to taking formal action.

#### V. Housing Repair Program, 2016 Update

Jackie Moynahan provided an overview regarding the Housing Repair Program. The Activity Report for 2016 showed approximately 100 projects funded, 50% were grants the other 50% were loans. Total spent is \$1.1 million, and encompasses 70 projects in the south region for \$793,000 and 30 projects in the northeast region for \$390.000. Going into 2017 there are 60 inquiries for housing repair projects, which are under review. There is high demand for the housing repair program. Councilmember Dan Grausz asked about the possibility of reallocating other funds to housing repair, noting that some HOME dollars were brought into the Housing

Repair Program last year. It was noted that at this point there are no recaptured CDBG or HOME dollars expected to be available due to lack of, or timeliness of expenditure of funds.

#### VI. CDBG Consortium-wide Meeting: Priorities for 2018 Capital Funding Round.

Jackie Moynahan provided information that the Housing Repair has a request to increase CDBG funding from 20% to 25% as a set-aside and this seems to have high probability. The JRC discussed the interpretation for equitable vs. equal. Leslie Miller noted she would like the North/East Sub-region to have more opportunities to utilize the program. She would like to support the increase but would like her community to benefit because they lose capital dollars and the ARCH dollars are being reduced. Dan Grausz asked if the increase could be applied only to the South Sub-region of the consortium. Kathy commented that that action would work against administrative streamlining requiring additional management for separate percentages. Leslie Miller requested a report showing a quarterly figure and amount of activity for a three year term. She feels this would eliminate a bias toward one community over the other. A comment was made that issues, such as failed septic tanks, and other uninhabitable situations should be a priority. The variables of demand that go into consideration make it complex. Jeff Watson supports Leslie's concerns and wants value for all the cities. Ken Hearing suggested Clark come to a future JRC meeting to help explain how priorities are determined.

The CDBG Consortium priorities for 2018 capital fund RFP were reviewed and discussed briefly.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Dan Grausz made a motion to approve the proposed funding priorities; Councilmember De'Sean Quinn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### VII. Round Table Discussion/ Other Items

#### • ICA Discussion Update and Renewal Timeline

Kathy Tremper reported on the ICA update. She informed the JRC that the required renewal can rollover for another three year term without the necessity of going to all the cities for action at this time. HUD was consulted about the possibility of doing an amendment to the ICA mid-term and advised it is allowable to move forward and submit an amended ICA by June 2018 for the remaining two years. The timeline for this work is in Attachment H. Kathy informed the JRC that HUD will notify entitlement areas throughout the nation in May of their ability to become or renew its status as an urban county. There are certain HUD requirements that must be followed, one being notifications. King County will need to invite cities that aren't currently participating and cities currently participating can choose to opt out. This means they would not be able to receive federal funds from this venue but would be able to go directly to the state CDBG.

HCD is currently creating an ICA Work Group, with nine members to evaluate and draft any proposed changes to the ICA to bring back to the JRC for approval. At this time seven of the nine cities have been identified. Representatives on the Work Group will include members from a Joint Agreement city from the North/East Region, a Joint

Agreement city from the South region, a HOME city from the North/East Region, a HOME city from the South region, a representative from both of each of the North/East and South Regions for a large city (over 15,000 people), and a small city representative from each sub-region (under 15,000 people) and a representative from unincorporated King County. Information and recommendations from the Work Group will be forwarded and shared with the JRC along the process and ultimately HCD will bring the work group's recommendations back to the JRC in September. In October the JRC would act on the recommendations. In December the new ICA (if there are material changes) would be prepared for presentation to all the city councils.

Since this is a process there might be an opportunity for internal changes. Administrative streamlining needs to be addressed due to the new HUD Grant Management System. The potential rework could include equity in geographic distribution and revisiting the timely use of the program income.

Discussion ensued about the makeup of the group and if it was at the staff level or if JRC members could participate. Kathy suggested Dan become a member of the work group in order to be part of the discussion. She provided some history of the previous work groups and the options they presented to the JRC at that time. The work group will be meeting from March through August/September. De'Sean Quinn and Dan Grausz requested regular updates in order to understand what is taking place early in the process instead of waiting until September. Dan proposed two members from the JRC be part of the work group. There were no other volunteers from the JRC, so the members agreed that Dan's involvement would satisfy them.

#### Housing Finance Program Final Awards

Jackie Moynahan gave a summary and confirmation of the action items that were approved at the December 2016 meeting. Six projects were awarded funds. Jackie reported that the Renton Commons, Bellevue 30 and DESC Projects had submitted their tax credit applications recently. Community House is on the wait list. The Washington State Finance Housing Commission posted self-scores. They are reviewing it at this time and King County projects should be highly competitive. Mental Health Housing and Homestead Community Land Trust are having conversations regarding their timelines. Several of the projects were given more money than they originally asked for, Gary Prince asked if the budget had changed or if there were consequences. Jackie informed the group that there were consequences because of potential changes due to tax code reform, and tax credit pricing had dropped and opened up a gap. The County is looking at ways to fill the gap for Renton Commons and Imagine Housing/30 Bellevue. The Renton Housing Authority application for a Choice Neighborhood grant for their Sunset area was denied. The LIHI/Renton Commons project is separate from that. All projects except for Homestead received an allocation from the Housing Trust Fund. Gary asked if they will come back again. Jackie believes it is highly possible. Renton is looking at a \$700,000 gap, Bellevue 30 is looking at a \$400,000 gap. Renton Commons does not have another funder. More updates will be presented throughout the spring. Jackie and the group have been monitoring the projects. Some funding was held back knowing they would have more requests. Dan asked if the monies will come back to the JRC. Jackie

replied that these funds were from other sources potentially MIDD and not part of the JRC.

#### • Legislative Update

Al D'Alessandro gave a brief legislative update. The top priority is the document recording fee. Substitute House Bill 1570 would eliminate the sunset, and increase the fee by \$50.00 through councilmatic action. In addition, the 45% state portion of the fee currently reserved for vouchers in the private market would be expanded to housing owned by private non-profits to make it more flexible to get money out the door. The bill is being heard in House Appropriations and has been declared necessary to implement the budget, which makes the bill immune to calendar cut-offs. Dan asked if the Senate had a similar bill. The Senate Bill 5254 addresses this and other issues. The bill was produced in large part by real estate interests and also would limit Puget Sound Regional Council regulation of urban growth areas. It also includes changes to the document recording fee- expanding the sunset by 8 years; would change how administrative fees are assessed and would eliminate the current 2% that auditors collect.

All senate bills have progressed. The Youth Consent bill is doing well in Rules waiting to go on the floor. There is a bill opposed by the County, Senate Bill 5656 - the bill essentially takes away local jurisdiction ability to enact fair housing law protections. The effect would be to eliminate the existing source of income laws already in place. The prime sponsor of this Bill is Senator Jan Angel. Jeff Watson asked about the Document Recording Fee being councilmatic at the County level. Al said that yes, the County could enact in 2 years, if they didn't act on it then cities could step in. De'Sean Quinn asked for more information on Legislative sessions and how to attend.

#### Announcement

Kathy Temper provided a flyer regarding the CDBG Capital funding round. She offered to be available to present to City Councils if any were interested in learning more about the CDBG Capital RFP for 2018 and how the process works.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

# DRAFT / PROPOSED Joint Recommendations Committee 2017 Meeting Calendar

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- Action Item: Priorities for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2018 capital funding round
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- Info Item: Housing Repair Program 2016 Update

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- State Legislative Updates
- 2018-2020 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement

#### April 27

- 2018-2020 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Update from IAC Work Group
- Info Item: ARCH Competitive Process Affordable Housing Award Recommendations for North/East Sub-region CDBG

#### May 25

- Action Item: Review prior year CDBG and/or HOME projects that are failing their timely expenditure requirement; review recommendations to extend or cancel projects
- Info Item: List of Housing Finance Program Pre-applications
- Info Item: List of Community Development Capital Non-Housing Pre-applications
- Info Item: 2018 Program Planning: CDBG/HOME budget review
- Info Item: 2018-2020 Interlocal Cooperative Agreement Update from IAC Work Group

#### June 22 – No meeting

• Housing Repair Program – 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2017 Update – Provided via link

**July 14 --** (Optional and encouraged) - Forum for presentation of CDBG non-housing capital applications (*Location To Be Determined*)

#### July 27 – No meeting

#### August 24 – No meeting

• One on One Info/Briefing with JRC Members Item: Review of all CDBG capital non-housing applications

#### September 28

- Info/Briefing Item: JRC Federal and State Legislative Agenda
- Public Input: Public Hearing Regarding Community Development Needs
- Action Item: 2018 Program Year Funds Planning Decide on Community Development Block Grant Non-housing Capital Awards of 2017 Funding Round (2018 program year funds)
- Info Item: 2018-2020 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Recommendations from IAC Work Group

#### October 26

- Action Item: JRC Federal and State Legislative Priorities for 2018
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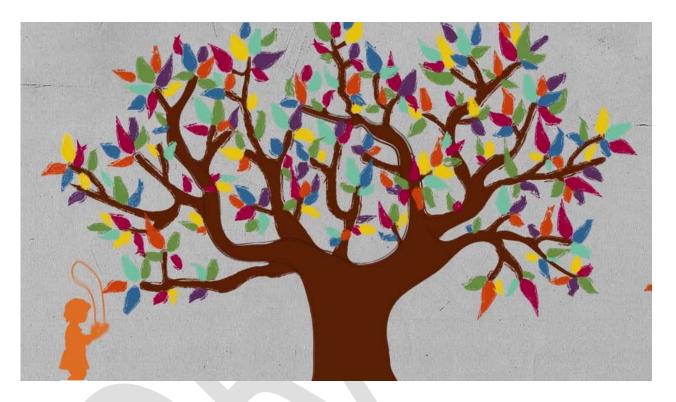
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2017 JRC Work Plan - Draft 12/2016

### **The King County Consortium**

## **Draft Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report**

2016



#### **Dow Constantine King County Executive**

#### **Metropolitan King County Council:**

Rod Dembowski, District 1
Larry Gossett, District 2
Kathy Lambert, District 3
Jeanne Kohl-Welles, District 4
Dave Upthegrove, District 5
Claudia Balducci, District 6
Pete von Reichbauer, District 7
Joe McDermott, District 8
Reagan Dunn, District 9

#### In Partnership with:

#### **North and East Subregion Cities**

Beaux Arts
Bothell
Carnation
Clyde Hill
Duvall

Hunts Point Issaquah Kenmore

Lake Forest Park

Medina

Mercer Island

Newcastle

North Bend

Sammamish

Skykomish

Snoqualmie

Woodinville

Yarrow Point

#### **South Subregion Cities**

Algona
Black Diamond
Burien
Covington

Des Moines Enumclaw Maple Valley

Normandy Park Pacific SeaTac

Tukwila

#### **HOME-only Cities**

Auburn Bellevue Federal Way

Kent

#### **Joint Agreement Cities**

Kirkland Redmond Renton Shoreline

#### **CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes**

Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

The 2016 King County Consortium Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) captures the expenditures, accomplishments, and progress made on the strategies and goals outlined in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan (Consolidated Plan) and includes the 2016 Action Plan (AP). The CAPER outlines progress in achieving the affordable housing, ending homelessness, and community development goals through the following 2016 grant amounts.

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): \$4,831,046
- HOME Investment Partnership (HOME): \$2,704,994
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG): \$314,480

The 2016 CAPER covers the time period starting January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. Some activities funded in previous fiscal years, that take more than one year to complete, are discussed here. The next section describes program accomplishments completed in 2016 with CDBG, HOME and ESG funds.

#### **Affordable Housing and Ending Homelessness Accomplishments**

- 24 new affordable rental housing units were completed serving homeless young adults, in addition Ronald Commons, 61 units completed construction in 2016, and will report in the 2017 CAPER
- 40 units of senior rental house were acquired, and 1 Housing Assistance Modificataion (HAM)
  was completed for a disabled tenant
- 3 homebuyer households received downpayment assistance
- 158 low-income homeowners received home repair services
- 1,404 people received housing stability services
- 291 households received homeless diversion services
- 367 households received rapid rehousing services
- 3,307 people received emergency shelter assistance
- 2,862 people received eviction prevention services

#### **Community and Economic Development**

- 2 parks received substantial improvements
- 2 water main were installed (Carnation and Black Diamond)
- 4 community centers were remodeled and/or expanded
- 1 pedestrian improvement completed and closed and 2 completed construction, and will be reported in next year's CAPER as closed
- 20 micro enterprise busineses received assistance
- 1 commercial façade program was completed
- 558 seniors received services through the Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Senior Center
- 36,484 people were served by food banks

Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

Progress was made to reach the annual goals projected for the CDBG, HOME and ESG activities. The portion of the Housing Repair Program conducted by member jurisdictions underwent a major change in 2015 reducing the number of projects significantly. The City of Renton discontinued using CDBG for their Home Repair Program in 2015. Affordable housing rental and home ownership outcomes vary year to year, due to the nature of the blended funds and the multi-year schedule for affordable housing developments. For example, 2015 Entitlement and 2016 HOME Program Income funds were used to develop the Phoenix Rising project which has 24 units for young adults experiencing homelessness. Many of the HOME projects leverage low income housing tax credits, increasing the affordability and number of units possible to achieve in development. The other affordable housing project funded with 2016 HOME entitlement or Program Income are the Athene Apartments and the John Gabriel House and accomplishments will be reported in the 2017 CAPER. Both serve low income seniors.

The King County Consortium worked with a number of partners including federal, state, and local public funders, the three housing authorities in King County, over 50 nonprofits, private investors, a wide range of community groups, and philanthropic organizations to accomplish the achievements outlined on the next page.

Goal	Category	Source	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected	Actual	Percent Complete
Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG HOME	Rental Units Constructed	Housing Unit	11	11	100%
Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG HOME	Rental Units Rehabilitated	Housing Unit	41	41	100%
Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG HOME	Homeowner Housing Added	Housing Unit	0	0	100%
Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG HOME	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Housing Unit	297	297	100%
Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG HOME	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	3	3	100%
Community and Economic Development	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities Other Than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	20,717	20,717	100%

#### Restore the Housing Repair Programs 2018 CDBG set-aside

**Issue:** King County Housing and Community Development (HCD) will present a recommendation for the JRC to consider an increase of (5) percent of the current Housing Repair Program CDBG Set-aside. Currently the Set-aside is 20 percent, our recommendation is to restore the Set-aside back to its original 2014 level of 25 percent.

**Background:** Through the adoption of the current Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (2015, 2016, and 2017 ICA) the Housing Repair Program Set-aside was reduced from 25 percent of the funds available from the CDBG annual entitlement to 20 percent. Program income generated was also reduced by the same equivalent.

The outcome from this Housing Repair Program Set-aside reduction was to distribute the additional CDBG funds proportionally to both the NE and South consortium Cities based on the percentage split of low to moderate-income populations represented by each sub-region. This redirection of CDBG entitlement was at that time estimated to be between \$275,000.00 and \$300,000.00. The sub-regional split is approximately \$179,000 to \$195,000 additional CDBG funding to the South Consortium Cities and \$96,000.00 to \$105,000.00 additionally to the Northeast sub-region each year for other eligible CDBG activities.

This has had an overall impacted to the Housing Repair Program which required us to modify the overall scope of work available to our clients, in an attempt to stretch scarce funds. We then focused on major health and safety and building preservation repairs, leaving other eligible repairs unaddressed. The reduction of funding has also required us to establish a waitlist of conditionally approved applicants that are prioritized by income levels and overall severity of the repairs requested. These waitlisted applicants have exceeded 50 homeowners over the last two years. Waiting for funding and the new grant entitlement year has decrease the speed that some projects progress. Over the last two years the additional waiting time for repair has increased our overall client project completion rate by over three months. This is in large part due to the extra waiting time as a result of funding delay and availability.

JRC Action Needed: The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement regarding the Community Development Block Grant Program (2015, 2016, and 2017 ICA) allows for the periodic review for increases to the percentage if, in its judgement, there has been a substantial change in the Consortium's overall funding or need for housing repair that justifies an increase. After consulting with both Northeast and South Consortium cities on the matter, King County requests consideration to return funding to pre-2015 levels and reestablish the Housing Repair Program Set-aside to 25 percent of the funds available from the CDBG entitlement.

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