



King County

Metropolitan King County Council Budget and Fiscal Management Committee

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item:	22	Name:	Katherine Cortes
Proposed No.:	2016-0483	Date:	October 25-27, 2016

SUBJECT

This ordinance would establish a Public Health Administration Fund (a second-tier fund, with any interest accruing to the General Fund) to contain Public Health departmental and King County administrative costs and overhead and King County central rates. This is an accounting measure to make these costs transparent within the Public Health department budget.

SUMMARY

The costs that will be budgeted in the Public Health Administration fund are for activities and expenditures supporting the operations of the entire department, including Contracts, Procurement and Real Estate; Finance; the Public Health Director's Office; and King County central rates and Information Technology.

Administrative costs in this fund are allocated to other funds and programs in the department using a variety of distribution methodologies.

BACKGROUND

Public Health Administration includes activities and expenditures supporting the operations of the entire department, including Contracts, Procurement and Real Estate; Finance; the Public Health Director's Office; and King County central rates and Information Technology.

The proposed budget for this fund in 2017-18 is \$64,437,000, which would be entirely recovered from other funds and divisions within Public Health.

Budget for these activities was previously reflected in the Public Health appropriation. The cost of the analogous Public Health administrative functions in the Public Health budget in 2015-16 was \$61,197,610; the proposed budget for the new fund in 2017-18 represents a 5.3 percent increase. This is attributable to standard increases in personnel budgets, and small changes in position authority.

ANALYSIS

Staff have identified no issues with this proposal, which implements in King County Code the fiscal structure proposed in the 2017-18 Executive Proposed budget for Public Health.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Ordinance 2016-0483
2. Fiscal Note

INVITED

1. Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget
2. Patty Hayes, Director, Public Health – Seattle and King County