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The Honorable Dave Upthegrove  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Upthegrove,

As required by Motion 12566, please find enclosed the Homeless Housing and Services Fund (HHSF) Informational Update for 2021-2022.

The HHSF provides operations, rental assistance, and supportive services funding for permanent housing for homeless households with high needs. This informational update includes demographics and system performance data from HHSF-funded projects during the 2021-2022 reporting period.

King County's HHSF was originally created following the passage of the Homeless Housing and Assistance Act of 2005. The bill authorized a dedicated revenue source in support of state and local plans to end homelessness. In King County, this currently amounts to approximately \$10 million per biennium for housing stability and support services.

Over the reporting period, 63 HHSF-funded projects served over 4,200 households. These homeless households include families, single adults, chronically homeless adults, youth and young adults, veterans, and veteran families. HHSF investments support the connection of people experiencing homelessness to affordable housing with targeted supportive services to meet their specific needs, including case management and linkages to physical health and behavioral health care.

Along with public and private funding partners, and working with the King County Regional Homelessness Authority, the Department of Community and Human Services continues to work to create affordable housing for people experiencing homelessness and to address racial disparities. HHSF investments are a key component of the response, providing operating support for much needed permanent supportive housing.

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If your staff have questions, please contact Leo Flor, Director, Department of Community and Human Services, at 206-477-4384.

Sincerely,

 for

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Enclosure

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