



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Motion 16742

Proposed No. 2025-0047.2

Sponsors Balducci

1 A MOTION requesting the executive develop a risk
2 assessment related to volatility in federal funding.

3 WHEREAS, local jurisdictions across the country, including King County, face
4 uncertainty around federal funding levels, and

5 WHEREAS, on January 20, 2025, President Trump issued an executive order
6 directing that access to federal funding to "sanctuary jurisdictions" be limited to the
7 maximum extent possible under law, and

8 WHEREAS, on January 28, 2025, President Trump issued through various
9 executive orders a temporary pause on all activities related to the obligation or
10 disbursement of certain federal financial assistance, including research grants, funding for
11 electric vehicles, and some clean energy grants, among others, and

12 WHEREAS, on the evening of January 28, 2025, U.S. District Judge Loren L.
13 AliKhan paused the temporary funding freeze, and

14 WHEREAS, on January 28, 2025, the White House Office of Management and
15 Budget issued a memorandum directing federal agencies to temporarily pause all
16 activities related to obligation or disbursement of all federal financial assistance, and
17 other relevant agency activities that may be implicated by the executive orders, and

18 WHEREAS, on January 29, 2025, the White House Office of Management and
19 Budget rescinded the memorandum, and

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20 WHEREAS, on January 29, 2025, White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt
21 noted that rescission of the memorandum was not a rescission of the federal funding freeze,
22 and

23 WHEREAS, on January 28, 2025, President Trump's administration announced a
24 deferred resignation program for federal workers, allowing them to receive full pay and
25 benefits until September 2025, at which point they would resign their positions, and

26 WHEREAS, King County and its partners rely on federal funding to support
27 critical investments in human services, healthcare, mobility, community development,
28 homelessness services, and more, including for the most vulnerable residents in King
29 County, and

30 WHEREAS, King County council must be proactive in identifying and mitigating
31 potential risks associated with sudden changes to federal funding commitments;

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

33 A. The council requests the executive assess the risks to King County and
34 provide a briefing to the committee of the whole related to anticipated volatility in federal
35 funding in the near and long term. The risk assessment should evaluate:

36 1. Federally funded grants and programs received or administered by the
37 county;

38 2. Potential operational and programmatic impacts that could result from a
39 partial or complete loss of the federal grants and programs;

40 3. Potential ramifications of a diminished federal government workforce due to
41 attrition and the federal deferred resignation program; and

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42 4. A plan for ongoing evaluation and response, as well as communication to the
43 council and partners, related to threats of losing federal funding and steps being taken to
44 mitigate those threats.

45 B. The executive should provide a briefing to the committee of the whole by
46 February 28, 2025, regarding the risk assessment requested by this motion.

Motion 16742 was introduced on 2/4/2025 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 2/4/2025, by the following vote:


Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

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