



## King County

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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:

This letter transmits a report summarizing the status of programs and activities supported by the American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery (CLFR) funds, as required by Ordinance 19546.

Since 2020, King County has received approximately \$2.1 billion in COVID relief from the federal government, including \$437.6 million in CLFR funds. Although CLFR funds were received in March 2021, much of the funding was not distributed until 2022 since the final federal rules outlining how CLFR funds could be spent were not established until the end of 2021. As a result, the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget reappropriated \$218.2 million in CLFR funds, focusing primarily on the areas of public health, homelessness, economic recovery, and reducing the criminal legal system case backlog that built up during the pandemic.

As with the prior COVID appropriations, all programs supported by CLFR funds in the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget are subject to legal review to ensure that the programs are eligible for federal funds, including a comprehensive assessment of program eligibility; verification that anticipated expenditures are appropriate; assessment of whether a competitive procurement process is required; a risk assessment; and completion of the contracting process.

The enclosed report provides an update on the status of CLFR-funded programs, including the appropriation amount, the amount spent through February 16, 2023, and the estimated amount to be spent by the end of the biennium. The Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget will provide updated reports quarterly throughout the 2023-2024 biennium.


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If your staff have any questions, please contact Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, at 206-263-9687.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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