



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

December 7, 2004

Motion 12050

Proposed No. 2004-0485.1

Sponsors Gossett

1 A MOTION identifying projects to be funded under Public
2 Law 106-393, Title III, the Secure Rural Schools and Self-
3 Determination Act of 2000, and allocating to those projects
4 the funds to be received from the federal government for
5 federal fiscal year 2005, which begins October 1, 2004.

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8 WHEREAS, in 1908 the United States Congress enacted, and subsequently
9 amended, a law that requires that twenty-five percent of the revenues derived from
10 national forest lands be paid to states for use by the counties in which the lands are
11 situated for the benefit of public schools and roads, and

12 WHEREAS, the sharing of revenues from the national forest lands is, in part, a
13 recognition that these lands are not subject to local taxation, and also that counties
14 provide services that directly benefit the lands and the people who use the lands, and

15 WHEREAS, the principal source of revenues from national forest lands is from
16 the sale and removal of timber, which has been sharply curtailed in recent years, with a
17 corresponding decline in revenues shared with counties, and

18 WHEREAS, the United States Congress in the Secure Rural Schools and Self
19 Determination Act of 2000, P.L. 106-393, recognized a need to stabilize education and
20 road maintenance funding through predictable payments to the affected counties, job
21 creation in those counties, and other opportunities associated with restoration,
22 maintenance and stewardship of federal lands, and

23 WHEREAS, P.L. 106-393 provides for guaranteed minimum payments for the
24 benefit of affected counties, as well as an opportunity to invest a portion of the
25 guaranteed minimum payments in projects on federal lands or that benefit resources on
26 federal lands, or in county projects or activities, and

27 WHEREAS, Title I, Section 102 of P.L. 106-393 gives each eligible county the
28 right to elect to receive either its traditional share of revenues from the national forest
29 lands or instead to receive the guaranteed minimum amount, also known as the "full
30 payment amount," and

31 WHEREAS, the full payment amount for King County for federal fiscal year
32 2005 is approximately \$2,231,700, and

33 WHEREAS, any county electing to receive the full payment amount must further
34 elect to expend an amount not less than fifteen percent nor more than twenty percent of
35 its full payment amount as project funds, and

36 WHEREAS, counties electing to receive the full payment amount must allocate
37 its project funds for expenditure between projects in accordance with Title II of P.L. 106-
38 393 and projects in accordance with Title III of P.L. 106-393, and

39 WHEREAS, Title II of P.L. 106-393 provides for special projects on federal lands
40 or that benefit resources on federal lands, which projects are recommended by local
41 resource advisory committees, and

42 WHEREAS, Title III of P.L. 106-393 provides for county projects or services,
43 some of which are associated with the federal lands, with Title III authorizing
44 expenditures for search, rescue and emergency services, staffing of community service
45 work camps, the purchase of easements, forest related educational opportunities, fire
46 prevention and county planning and community forestry pursuant to the Cooperative
47 Forest Assistance Act of 1978, and

48 WHEREAS, King County elected to receive the full payment amount, and further
49 elected to expend twenty percent of the full payment amount on projects, communicating
50 these elections by letter to the Washington State Association of Counties, forwarded to
51 the governor of the state of Washington, and

52 WHEREAS, Motion 11854, passed December 15, 2003, describes the county
53 elections to date, and approved the Title III projects for federal fiscal year 2004, and

54 WHEREAS, twenty percent of the full payment amount for federal fiscal year
55 2004 is approximately \$446,340 and this amount can be divided between Title II and
56 Title III projects, and

57 WHEREAS, the executive budget proposal for 2004 appropriates funds to
58 departments to pay for the Title III projects described in this motion, all of which meet
59 the requirements of Title III, and

60 WHEREAS, Title III of P.L.106-393 requires a forty-five day public comment
61 period before approval of Title III projects by the county, and King County published
62 descriptions of the proposed projects forty-five days before the passage of this motion;

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

64 A. King County hereby elects to allocate 18.4% of the full payment amount from
65 the federal fiscal year beginning October 1, 2004, which is approximately \$410,630 to
66 Title III projects described in paragraphs C, D and E below.

67 B. The remaining 1.6% of the full payment amount, which is approximately
68 \$35,710, is to be retained by the United States Secretary of Agriculture for Title II
69 projects to be submitted by the resource advisory committee, established according to the
70 terms of Title II.

71 C. King County hereby authorizes the use of \$170,000 of Title III funds to
72 partially fund a youth forestry education program, administered by the Washington State
73 University Cooperative Extension and Earthcorps, which will provide leadership training
74 and technical skills in forest restoration to high school students.

75 D. King County hereby authorizes the use of \$120,000 of Title III funds to
76 partially fund the Urban and Community Forestry Program in the Water and land
77 Resources Division to assist in the conservation and restoration of urban forest resources
78 through technical assistance and by providing grants for community forestry projects.

79 E. King County hereby authorizes the use of \$120,000 of Title III funds to

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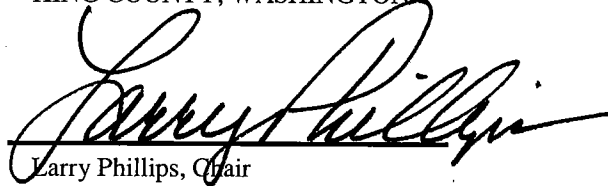
80 partially reimburse the King County Sheriff's Office for expenses incurred performing
81 search and rescue operations on federal land.

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Motion 12050 was introduced on 10/18/2004 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 12/6/2004, by the following vote:

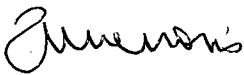
Yes: 12 - Mr. Phillips, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Pelz, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Irons, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Constantine
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Mr. McKenna

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments A. The ORCA 4-H Youth Education Program WSU Cooperative Extension King County and EarthCorps, B. Urban Forestry Program Water and Land Resources Division King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks - 2005 Program Summary, C. King County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue

**The ORCA 4-H Youth Education Program
WSU Cooperative Extension King County and EarthCorps**

"EarthCorps' community-based approach makes it easy and fun for young people to get involved, and also provides them with the leadership skills to continue their stewardship beyond the project. The Seattle Foundation is proud to recognize this fine organization for their outstanding efforts."

- Anne Farrell, Seattle Foundation CEO

The Outreach and Restoration Community Apprenticeship (ORCA) 4-H Youth Education Program addresses the intersection of youth at risk¹ and forest environments at risk in King County. ORCA enables participants to learn about forest ecology, earn life and work skills, and return restored forest environments to their communities. ORCA directly benefits two age groups of young people as well as the larger community and the local environment.

"Your program has allowed my students, 74% of whom are on free and reduced lunch, to become stewards of our forest and also the community. Through your work, these kids, many of whom are at risk, have something in their lives that is stable, and always there --- the forest. Your program has instilled in them responsibility for caring and nurturing something that they can have control over." - Jan Hunt, Educator

The ORCA 4-H Youth Education Program

The ORCA 4-H Youth Education Program is a joint effort between EarthCorps and Washington State University (WSU) Cooperative Extension- King County. The program that trains Apprentices (ages 18-24) to conduct youth development in forestry education and restoration among underserved youth in King County. Youth programs are developed and managed by Apprentices. Apprentices focus on youth and community outreach, volunteer management, and the technical field skills associated with ecological restoration.

"When something so spectacular happens in our park, it always seems that EarthCorps was involved."

-Liz Kearns, Community Member

Goals of the ORCA 4-H Youth Education Program

The foundation of the ORCA Youth Development Program is experiential learning. Participants learn through hands-on, field-based learning. Participants learn professionalism and accountability by being part of a working team, and adhering to program policies and high standards of quality.

ORCA Goals:

- 1. Provide project-based forestry/environmental education to underserved youth in King County.**
- 2. Develop life and work skills training for participants.**
- 3. Restore forest environments in King County.**
- 4. Enable underserved communities to take action and make positive changes in their neighborhood green spaces**

¹ Youth targeted by this program are defined as youth that are at risk of not fulfilling their potential as responsible, productive, and contributing members of society. Some of the risk factors include but are not limited to circumstances such as non-traditional family structure, living below the poverty line, one or more parents not completing high school, or working parents lacking time to nurture the growth and development of their child. While youth at risk are targeted, this is not a requirement for participation in program activities.

**Urban Forestry Program
Water and Land Resources Division
King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks**

2005 Program Summary

In recent decades the expansion of urban areas and the accompanying loss of tree canopy in King County has affected the health of watersheds by increasing the levels of pollutants entering waterways, changing stream flow patterns and damaging salmon and wildlife habitats. King County's Urban Forestry Program seeks to reverse the decline in tree cover and to promote public understanding of the environmental, social, and economic benefits of trees and forests. The program provides resources for managing urban forests in the watersheds of King County and, together with the County's rural forestry program, helps to create and/or protect green spaces that provide forested habitat extending from the urban center out to rural areas.

The Urban Forestry Program provides services through four primary activity areas:

- **Outreach**
We provide information on the environmental, social and economic benefits of trees through published materials, workshops, Internet resources and participation in cooperative efforts on the regional and state levels. The Urban Forestry Coordinator represents King County on the Washington State Urban and Community Forestry Council.
- **Grants**
We offer grants to projects that involve volunteers and enhance the health of watersheds by planting trees, controlling invasive exotic plants and improving wildlife habitat. In 2005 priority areas for funding are low income and environmentally degraded urban areas such as the lower Green/Duwamish Watershed, the Miller/Salmon/Walker Creek Basins and south Lake Washington drainages.
- **Capacity Building**
We enable citizens to serve as stewards of urban trees and forests by providing training and technical assistance. Through the Natural Resource Stewardship Network we partner with other government agencies and educational institutions to ensure that volunteer organizations have the help they need to complete high quality environmental projects.
- **Underserved Communities**
The Urban Forestry Program is perhaps unique among King County environmental programs in that it has chosen to focus a portion of its resources on reaching out to new and under-represented audiences such as youth, minority populations and economically disadvantaged communities. We work with partner agencies and businesses to provide technical assistance and grants for projects in densely populated areas where the need for improvements in quality of life, public health and environment is greatest.

The Urban Forestry Program is supported by grants from the USDA Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Program awarded through the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. The requested \$120,000 in Title III funds will serve as match to these grants and will ensure the Water and Land Resources Division's ability to continue the Urban Forestry Program.

King County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue

The King County Sheriff's Office is required by state law to provide search & rescue services to King County. This is a service unique in King County to the Sheriff's Office. In addition, this service enhances King County's ability to respond to other emergencies and disasters, including natural events and terrorist incidents. This proposal will allow the Sheriff's Office to continue to provide search and rescue services at an acceptable level, improve the Unit's technical capability to locate and rescue lost and injured people, and support King County Government and all other county government agencies in those situations. This proposal will also make these services more cost effective by reducing the time required to locate and rescue victims and to assess emergency and disaster situations.

This proposal is for \$120,000 of Title III funds under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-determination Act of 2000, Public Law 106-393. Funds will be used to reimburse the Sheriff's Office for some of the costs related to search, rescue, and emergency service activities on federal land. Historically, 65% of the Sheriff's search and rescue activity is on federal land.