



## King County

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**The Honorable Donna Tucker**  
**Chief Presiding Judge**

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**Chief Administrative Officer**

March 26, 2018

Councilmember McDermott  
King County Council  
Room 1200  
King County Courthouse

Dear Councilmember McDermott:

Enclosed is a proposed ordinance that will allow King County District Court to purchase small incentives for the participants of its therapeutic courts. Using incentives in therapeutic courts is a best practice and has been documented in multiple scholarly articles. A similar ordinance was approved for Superior Court for the use of incentives in the Adult Diversion Drug Court.

There is no fiscal impact, as King County District Court is not requesting additional money, just the ability to use current funding sources for this purpose.

I recommend Council approval for this ordinance.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed ordinance, please contact Callista Welbaum at 477-1315 or myself at 477-0457.

Sincerely,

Donna Tucker,  
Chief Presiding Judge  
District Court

Enclosure

cc King County Council Members  
ATTN: Grant Lahmann, Chief of Staff  
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