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A MOTION relating to the youth sports facilities grant program, authorizing a change in the requirement for local match; and rescinding Motion 8854.

WHEREAS, in 1992, in accordance with Ordinance 10454, and as amended in 1996 in accordance with Ordinance 12076, King County established the youth sports facilities grant fund to support the development, renovation, or repair of sports facilities, as delineated in K.C.C. 4.08.220, and

WHEREAS, the youth sports facilities grant program has been funded through a sales and use tax on rental vehicles in King County, as well as from investment income on an endowment established with the proceeds from the sale of stadium properties, and

WHEREAS, since 1993, the youth sports facilities grant program has issued more than three hundred grants with funded projects including ball fields, sports courts, climbing walls, playgrounds, rowing facilities, skate parks, mountain biking courses, gymnasiums, swimming pools, and weight rooms, and

WHEREAS, projects funded by the youth sports facilities grant program have been located in every part of King County, including in low- and moderate-income communities, and

WHEREAS, the youth sports facilities grant program emphasizes partnerships between community groups and public entities, requiring that applications for projects occurring on publicly owned property must be jointly submitted by a community group or youth sports organization and a public entity, and also requiring that the general public must have access to the facility, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the youth sports facilities grant fund program policies and project selection guidelines, which were adopted through Motion 8854, the youth sports facilities grant program is

designed to leverage funds from other sources and requires a 1:2 match requirement, which means that applicants must provide one dollar in cash, volunteer labor, donated supplies or professional services for every two dollars requested, and

WHEREAS, during 2012, the number of applicants for youth sports facilities grant funds fell short of the amount available, at least in part because potential applicants were unable to raise the required local match;

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

A. The local match requirement for applicants for youth sports facilities grant funds shall be 1:4, which means that applicants must provide one dollar in cash, volunteer labor, donated supplies or professional services for every four dollars requested, as described in Attachment A to this motion, Youth Sports Facilities Grant Fund , Program Policies and Project Selection Guidelines.

B.1. The executive shall transmit a motion and report to the council regarding the status of applications to this program by September 15, 2014. The report shall include the following information:

- a. The number of project applications during 2013 and 2014;
- b. Project funding amounts requested vs. amounts funded;
- c. Projects funded in low- and moderate-income communities; and
- d. Effects on applications attributable to lowered match requirement.

2. The report shall also recommend whether the lowered match requirement should remain in force or be changed for future years.

3. The report shall be filed in the form of an electronic copy and a paper copy with the clerk of the council, who shall forward electronic copies to all councilmembers and the lead staff of the budget and fiscal management committee, or its successor.

C. Motion 8854 is hereby rescinded.