



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**July 19, 2013**

**Resolution 13-08**

**Proposed No. 13-08.1**

**Sponsors**

1           A RESOLUTION calling on Congress to protect the  
2           Affordable Care Act's Prevention and Public Health Fund  
3           and its investment in the Community Transformation Grant  
4           program that enables awardees to design and implement  
5           community-level programs that prevent chronic diseases  
6           such as cancer, diabetes and heart disease.

7           WHEREAS, Congress recognized the important role of prevention and public  
8           health in improving the health of the American people and in long-term health care cost  
9           containment through its creation of the Affordable Care Act's Prevention and Public  
10          Health Fund, and

11          WHEREAS, the King County Board of Health passed a resolution in March 2011,  
12          in support of the Prevention and Public Health Fund and the investment it makes in the  
13          health of all community residents in King County and across the nation, and

14          WHEREAS, the Prevention and Public Health Fund is the primary and largest  
15          source of federal funding to support prevention and community health improvement, yet  
16          the stability of its appropriation is uncertain, and

17          WHEREAS, Prevention and Public Health Fund allocations have been awarded to  
18          the University of Washington, which received \$650,000 for public health training, and  
19          also the Downtown Emergency Service Center and the Asian Counseling and Referral

20 Service, which received \$482,000 and \$496,000, respectively, for primary care and  
21 behavioral health services, and

22 WHEREAS, Community Transformation Grants are programs funded by the  
23 Affordable Care Act's Prevention and Public Health Fund, and

24 WHEREAS, Seattle Children's Hospital has been awarded a two-year Community  
25 Transformation Grant under the Small Communities Program and is partnering with the  
26 Healthy King County Coalition and Public Health - Seattle & King County to work  
27 together for community change, and

28 WHEREAS, the grant is a collaborative effort to change the places where we live,  
29 work, learn and play so that residents can be physically active, have access to healthy  
30 foods and drinks and live in tobacco-free environments, and

31 WHEREAS, the two-year grant brings together three organizations and a wide  
32 range of community partners to focus resources in communities where people do not  
33 have an equal opportunity to make choices to live a healthy life, and

34 WHEREAS, the intervention area for this grant includes the cities of Auburn,  
35 Burien, Des Moines, Kent, Normandy Park, Renton, SeaTac and Tukwila, and the  
36 neighborhoods of Beacon Hill, Georgetown, North Highline and South Park. That area  
37 has a combined population of over four hundred seventy-nine thousand residents, and

38 WHEREAS, the intervention area was defined using an index measuring poor  
39 health and inequities. These areas share similarly high burdens of chronic disease and  
40 health inequities, have culturally and racially diverse, low-income populations, and have  
41 a disproportionate prevalence, relative to the balance of the county, of chronic conditions  
42 and associated behavioral and environmental risks, and

43           WHEREAS, additional Community Transformation Grant awards in Washington  
44 state have been made to the Washington state Department of Health, Tacoma-Pierce  
45 County Health Department, Sophie Trettevick Indian Health Center managed by the  
46 Makah Tribe, Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation and Inland Northwest  
47 Health Services;

48           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of King  
49 County:

50           The Board of Health calls on Congress and the President to preserve and protect  
51 the Affordable Care Act's Prevention and Public Health Fund and its critical investments  
52 such as the Community Transformation Grant program that enables awardees to design  
53 and implement community-level programs that keep people healthy, prevent chronic

54 diseases such as cancer, diabetes and heart disease, and prevent health care costs across  
55 the nation and here in King County.

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Resolution 13-08 was introduced on and passed by the Board of Health on 7/18/2013,  
by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Conlin, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Licata, Ms. Clark, Dr. Nicola,  
Dr. Baker, Ms. Wales and Dr. Delecki


No: 0

Excused: 4 - Ms. Frisinger, Ms. Lambert, Dr. Danielson and Mr.  
McDermott

BOARD OF HEALTH  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Joe McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Anne Noris, Clerk of the Board

**Attachments:** None