

#### Regional Crisis Response Agency Executive Board Meeting June 5, 2025

#### 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Virtual Zoom link:

https://kirklandwa-gov.zoom.us/j/88652463332?pwd=tMWV1gTzBTjGGwt31yO27xtajklZIM.1

Meeting ID: 886 5246 3332 Passcode: 849977

--On-site option available-Kirkland City Hall
123 5th Ave, Kirkland, WA, 98033
Norkirk Room, Upper Level

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Items from the Audience
- 4) Approval of the Minutes
  - a. Minutes from Regular Meeting May 1, 2025
- 5) Adoption of Resolution R-2025-01 Authorizing Investment in the Local Government Investment Pool
- 6) 2024 RCR Financial Statements
- 7) 2025 Quarter 1 Data Dashboard
- 8) Executive Director Report
- 9) Good of the Order
- 10) Adjournment



#### Regional Crisis Response Agency Executive Board Meeting Minutes May 1, 2025

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- Call to Order
   Vice President Stephanie Lucash called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.
- Roll Call
   Members Present: Kurt Triplett, Stephanie Lucash, Becky Range, Phillip Hill,
   Bristol Ellington.
- 3) Items from the Audience None presented.
- Approval of the Minutes
  - Minutes from Regular Meeting April 3, 2025
     Bristol Ellington moved to approve the April 3, 2025 meeting minutes, seconded by Phillip Hill.

Vote: Motion approved 4-0

Yes: Stephanie Lucash, Becky Range, Phillip Hill, Bristol Ellington

President Kurt Triplett assumed chair from Vice President Stephanie Lucash at 11:11 a.m.

5) Officer Election for President and Vice President

President

Stephanie Lucash nominated Kurt Triplett for the position of President, second by Phillip Hill.

Vote: Motion approved 5-0

Yes: Kurt Triplett, Stephanie Lucash, Becky Range, Phillip Hill, Bristol Ellington

Vice President

Bristol Ellington nominated Stephanie Lucash for the position of Vice President, seconded by Phillip Hill.

Vote: Motion approved 5-0

Yes: Kurt Triplett, Stephanie Lucash, Becky Range, Phillip Hill, Bristol Ellington

## 6) 2025 Quarter 1 Budget to Actuals Report Treasurer and Kirkland's Director of Finance and Administration Michael Olson presented the first quarter 2025 Budget to Actuals Report.

# 7) Updated 2024 Annual Report Data Dashboard RCR Executive Director Brook Buettner presented the updated 2024 Annual Report Data Dashboard. Staff were directed to make minor administrative corrections to the data dashboard.

## 8) MIDD Outcome Data Briefing RCR Executive Director Brook Buettner presented information on how King County tracks MIDD outcome data and answered questions from the Board.

#### 9) Executive Director Report

RCR Executive Director reported on the following:

a. Governance

Presented the proposed Principals Assembly agenda for the June 18, 2025 meeting and received feedback from the Board.

b. Operations Update

Kimberly Hardy has been promoted to the vacant Supervisor position. Conversations are continuing with RCR leadership, Kirkland HR, and union-represented Crisis Responders on personnel or bargaining eligible matters.

c. Budget and Grants

DOJ: Technical assistance has ended.

HCA: COSSUP passthrough contract being finalized.

WASPC: 2023-2025 Budget adjustment approved; vehicle purchased. 2025-2027 application has been submitted, grant program funds included in State legislature's budget. WASPC grant-funded employee's vacancies and potential vacancies.

d. Legislative Landscape

House Bill 1811 "Enhancing crisis response services through co-response integration and support" passed.

e. RCR in Action

Shared recent interactions between Crisis Responders, Police partners and community members who have experienced a crisis.

#### 10) Good of the Order

#### 11) Adjournment

President Kurt Triplett adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.



#### **MEMORANDUM**

To: RCR Executive Board

From: Michael Olson, RCR Board Treasurer/Kirkland Director of Finance & Administration

Elizabeth Adkisson, Kirkland Administrative Services Manager, Finance &

Administration

**Date:** June 5, 2025

Subject: Adoption of Resolution R-2025-01 Authorizing Investment in the Local Government

**Investment Pool** 

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Regional Crisis Response (RCR) Executive Board revisit information regarding the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) and adopt Resolution R-2025-01 authorizing investment in the pool.

#### **BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION:**

On May 4, 2023, the RCR Executive Board adopted Resolution R-2023-11, authorizing investment in the Local Government Investment Pool.<sup>1</sup>

Due to inactivity in the account, the LGIP is requiring that the Executive Board adopt a new resolution. This action will authorize the RCR Agency Executive Board Treasurer, Michael Olson, to complete the required documentation to rejoin the LGIP and to designate individuals authorized to make contributions and withdrawals on behalf of the RCR Agency.

#### **NEXT STEPS:**

Upon adoption of Resolution R-2025-01, Fiscal Agent Staff will proceed with setting up the account; making contributions and withdrawals on behalf of the RCR Agency; and reporting out on activity on a regular basis.

#### **BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

1. It is recommended that the RCR Executive Board move to approve Resolution R-2025-01, Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Local Government Investment Pool.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution R-2025-01: Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Local Government Investment Pool.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> May 4, 2023, Executive Board Meeting Materials: <a href="https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/2/city-managers-office/pdfs/agendas/rcr-board-meeting-packet-050423.pdf">https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/2/city-managers-office/pdfs/agendas/rcr-board-meeting-packet-050423.pdf</a>

#### RESOLUTION R-2025-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE AGENCY AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF MONIES IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 294, Laws of 1986, the Legislature created a trust fund to be known as the public funds investment account (commonly referred to as the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP)) for the contribution and withdrawal of money by an authorized governmental entity for purposes of investment by the Office of the State Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, from time to time it may be advantageous to the authorized governmental entity, the Regional Crisis Response Agency, the "governmental entity", to contribute funds available for investment in the LGIP; and

WHEREAS, the investment strategy for the LGIP is set forth in its policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, any contributions or withdrawals to or from the LGIP made on behalf of the governmental entity shall be first duly authorized by the RCR Agency Executive Board Treasurer, or any designee of the RCR Agency Executive Board Treasurer pursuant to this resolution, or a subsequent resolution; and

WHEREAS, the governmental entity will cause to be filed a certified copy of said resolution with the Office of the State Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the governing body and any designee appointed by the governing body with authority to contribute or withdraw funds of the governmental entity has received and read a copy of the prospectus and understands the risks and limitations of investing in the LGIP; and

WHEREAS, the governing body attests by the signature of its members that it is duly authorized and empowered to enter into this agreement, to direct the contribution or withdrawal of governmental entity monies, and to delegate certain authority to make adjustments to the incorporated transactional forms, to the individuals designated herein.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Board of the RCR Agency does hereby authorize the contribution and withdrawal of governmental entity monies in the LGIP in the manner prescribed by law, rule, and prospectus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body has approved the Local Government Investment Pool Transaction Authorization Form (Form) as completed by RCR Agency Executive Board Treasurer and incorporates said form into this resolution by reference and does hereby attest to its accuracy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Board of the RCR Agency designates RCR Agency Executive Board Treasurer, the "authorized individual" to authorize all amendments, changes, or alterations to the Form or any other documentation including the designation of other individuals to make contributions and withdrawals on behalf of the governmental entity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this delegation ends upon the written notice, by any method set forth in the prospectus, of the governing body that the authorized individual has been terminated or that his or her delegation has been revoked. The Office of the State Treasurer will

rely solely on the governing body to provide notice of such revocation and is entitled to rely on the authorized individual's instructions until such time as said notice has been provided.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Form as incorporated into this resolution or hereafter amended by delegated authority, or any other documentation signed or otherwise approved by the authorized individual shall remain in effect after revocation of the authorized individual's delegated authority, except to the extent that the authorized individual whose delegation has been terminated shall not be permitted to make further withdrawals or contributions to the LGIP on behalf of the governmental entity. No amendments, changes, or alterations shall be made to the Form or any other documentation until the entity passes a new resolution naming a new authorized individual; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body acknowledges that it has received, read, and understood the prospectus as provided by the Office of the State Treasurer. In addition, the governing body agrees that a copy of the prospectus will be provided to any person delegated or otherwise authorized to make contributions or withdrawals into or out of the LGIP and that said individuals will be required to read the prospectus prior to making any withdrawals or contributions or any further withdrawals or contributions if authorizations are already in place.

June,	Passed by majority vote of the RCR Executive Board in open meeting 2025.	this day of
	Signed in authentication thereof this day of June, 2025.	
	President	
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#### **MEMORANDUM**

To: RCR Executive Board

From: Michael Olson, RCR Board Treasurer/Kirkland Director of Finance & Administration

Elizabeth Adkisson, Kirkland Administrative Services Manager, Finance &

Administration

**Date:** June 5, 2025

**Subject:** Presentation of the 2024 RCR Financial Statements

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Regional Crisis Response (RCR) Agency Executive Board receive the 2024 RCR Financial Statements, ask questions, and provide feedback on the materials filed with the State Auditor's Office (SAO).

#### **BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION:**

Pursuant to RCW 43.09.230, the Regional Crisis Response (RCR) Agency must file an annual financial report with the State Auditor's Office (SAO) within 150 days of the close of each fiscal year. The RCR Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2024, therefore the submission deadline for the 2024 Financial Statements was May 30, 2025.

The RCR Fiscal Agent Staff prepared and submitted the 2024 RCR Financial Statements to the SAO on May 7, 2025. These include the following items: Management's Discussion and Analysis, Statement of Net Position; Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position; Statement of Cash Flows; and Notes to the Financials Statements.

#### 2024 Financial Statement Highlights:

- The financial activities of RCR for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, represent RCR's second year of operations.
- The assets of RCR exceeded its liabilities at the end of the year by \$2.18 million. Of this
  amount, \$0.17 million is invested in capital assets such as vehicles. The remainder is
  unrestricted and therefore available to meet ongoing obligations to residents and
  creditors.
- RCR received \$76,183 in capital contributions, which consists of two vehicles for Crisis Responders to use for Agency operations.
- RCR operating revenue depends on quarterly contributions from participating cities and grants. Revenue for future years is dependent on contributions from member cities and the ability to obtain grant funding.

#### **NEXT STEPS:**

RCR Fiscal Agent Staff will respond to Executive Board questions and feedback.

#### **BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

1. It is recommended that the Board receive the 2024 RCR Financial Statements, ask questions, and provide feedback on the submission materials.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1a. Annual Report Certification Filing with SAO1b. 2024 RCR Financial Statement Package

#### ANNUAL REPORT CERTIFICATION

Regional Crisis Response Agency
(Official Name of Government)

<u>3285</u>

MCAG No.

Submitted pursuant to RCW 43.09.230 to the Washington State Auditor's Office

For the Fiscal Year Ended 12/31/2024

#### **GOVERNMENT INFORMATION:**

Official Mailing Address	123 5th Avenue
	Kirkland, WA 98033
Official Website Address	www.kirklandwa.gov/Government/City-Managers-Office/The-Regional-Crisis-Response-Agency
Official E-mail Address	jfleming@kirklandwa.gov
Official Phone Number	
AUDIT CONTACT or PREP	ARER INFORMATION and CERTIFICATION:
Audit Contact or Preparer	Name and Title
Contact Phone Number	
Contact E-mail Address	jfleming@kirklandwa.gov

I certify 7th day of May, 2025, that annual report information is complete, accurate and in conformity with the Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting Systems Manual, to the best of my knowledge and belief, having reviewed this information and taken all appropriate steps in order to provide such certification. I acknowledge and understand our responsibility for the design and implementation of controls to ensure accurate financial reporting, comply with applicable laws and safeguard public resources, including controls to prevent and detect fraud. Finally, I acknowledge and understand our responsibility for immediately submitting corrected annual report information if any errors or an omission in such information is subsequently identified.

Signatures

Jessie Fleming (jfleming@kirklandwa.gov)

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Management Discussion and Analysis is designed to focus on activities of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, resulting changes and currently known facts. Therefore, it should be read in conjunction with the Regional Crisis Response Agency's (RCR) financial statements.

#### **Financial Highlights**

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#### **Overview of Financial Statements**

RCR's financial statements include a Statement of Net Position; Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position; Statement of Cash Flows; and Notes to the Financials Statements.

The Statement of Net Position provides a record, or snapshot, of the assets and liabilities of RCR at the close of the year. It provides information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets) and obligations to creditors (liabilities). It provides a basis for evaluating the capital structure of RCR and for assessing its liquidity and financial flexibility.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position presents the results of the business activities for the 2024 fiscal year. This information can be used to determine whether RCR has successfully recovered all its costs through its revenues, and to evaluate its financial viability.

The Statement of Cash Flows reports cash receipts, cash payments and net changes in cash resulting from operating, financing and investing activities for the year. It presents information on where cash came from and its use.

The Notes to the Financial Statements provides useful information regarding RCR's significant account balances and activities, certain material risks, estimates, obligations, commitments, contingencies, and subsequent events, if any.

Other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements is also contained in this report. This section of the management discussion and analysis is intended to introduce and explain the basic financial statements.

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

The Fund Financial Statements are the traditional reporting format for governments. A fund is a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts used to account for specific activities or meet certain objectives. RCR only has one proprietary fund.

Proprietary funds are used by governments to account for their business-type activities and use the same basis of accounting utilized in private industry. Business-type activities provide specific goods or services to a group of customers that are paid for by fees charged to those customers. There is a direct relationship between the fees paid and the services rendered.

RCR has one type of proprietary fund, an enterprise fund. Enterprise funds are used to report any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services.

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

The Notes to the Financial Statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data in fund financial statements. The notes immediately follow the Statement of Cash Flows.

#### **Financial Analysis**

#### **Statement of Net Position**

The Statement of Net Position serves as a useful indicator of RCR's financial position. The assets of RCR exceeded its liabilities at the end of fiscal year 2024 by \$2.18 million. Following is a condensed version of the Statement of Net Position comparing fiscal year 2024 to 2023.

#### **RCR's Net Position**

_	2024	2023
Current Assets	2,767,355	1,769,782
Capital assets, net of		
accumulated depreciation	168,666	
Total Assets	2,936,020	1,769,782
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Current Liabilities	759,576	686,069
Total Liabilities	759,576	686,069
Net investment in capital assets	168,666	
Unrestricted	2,007,779	1,083,713
<b>Total Net Position</b>	2,176,445	1,083,713

Current assets consist of cash and receivables. As of the end of 2024, cash was the largest component of RCR's assets at \$1.3 million. The liability accounts are comprised of two items: accounts payable and unearned revenue.

Over time, increases or decreases in RCR's net position are an indicator of RCR's overall financial growth. As of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, \$0.17 million of RCR's \$2.18 million total net position is its investment in capital assets such as vehicles, less any related debt issued to acquire those assets. These capital assets are used to provide services to residents. As of 2024, RCR has issued no debt to acquire capital assets.

The remaining \$2.01 of RCR's net position is unrestricted and may be used to meet ongoing obligations to residents and creditors. At the end of the fiscal year, RCR reported positive balances in all categories of net position. The same was true for the prior fiscal year.

#### **Changes in Net Position**

The Changes in Net Position table illustrates the increases or decreases in RCR's net position resulting from operating activities. A breakdown of the 2024 increase in net position follows, along with graphs that illustrate revenues by source and operating expenses.

#### **RCR's Change in Net Position**

2024	2023
3,548,705	2,335,635
2,532,156	1,251,922
1,016,549	1,083,713
-	-
76,183	
1,092,732	1,083,713
1,083,713	-
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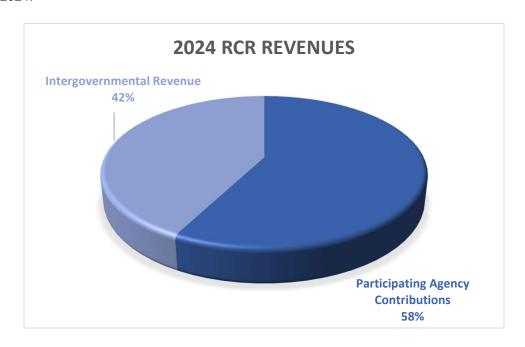
#### Revenues

The majority of RCR's revenues are generated through quarterly contributions from participating agencies (charges for services). RCR's other revenue source is intergovernmental revenue from various granting agencies.

Operating revenues increased 51.9 percent from 2023 to 2024, up \$1.2 million. The largest increase is from intergovernmental revenue, which increased 1030.8 percent or \$1.4 million. This revenue was used primarily to fund personnel expenses. In 2024, RCR received grant proceeds from the following sources.

- Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) Mental Health Field Response Grant Program, with \$0.25 million received in 2024.
- Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Alternative Response Team Grant (ARTG) Program, with \$0.23 million received in 2024.

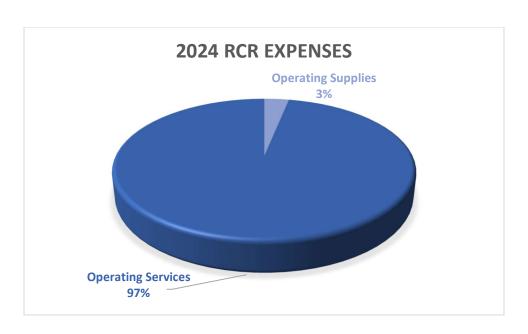
King County Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Behavioral Health Sales Tax Fund (MIDD).
 MIDD represents the largest source of intergovernmental revenue, with \$1.02 million received in 2024.



#### **Expenses**

The City of Kirkland is the Fiscal Agent of RCR and supports RCR with financial, information technology, records management, legal, office space, fleet vehicles and vehicle maintenance, uniforms, radios, other services, facilities and materials.

Operating expenses increased 102.3 percent from 2023 to 2024, up \$1.3 million. The majority of RCR's expenses are for operating services expenses paid to the Fiscal Agent. Operating services increased 105.5 percent or \$1.3 million due to staffing increases. In 2024 RCR had 16 staff compared to 12 staff in 2023. This 33.3 percent increase in staffing is the main contributor of increased operating expenses. The increase occurred because RCR was not fully staffed in 2023, its first year of operations.



#### **Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of RCR's finances for readers with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information in this report, or requests for additional information, may be addressed to Michael Olson, RCR Board Treasurer/Kirkland Director of Finance & Administration, Regional Crisis Response Agency, 123 Fifth Avenue, Kirkland, WA 98033-6189 or molson@kirklandwa.gov

#### Regional Crisis Response Agency Statement of Net Position December 31, 2024

Assets	
Current Assets:	
Cash	1,278,443
Receivables, net	528,532
Intergovernmental Receivable	960,379
Total Current Assets	2,767,355
Noncurrent Assets:	
Capital Assets (Note 5)	
Depreciable Capital Assets (Net)	168,666
Total Capital Assets	168,666
Total NonCurrent Assets	168,666
Total Assets	2,936,020
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	2,936,020
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources  Liabilities	2,936,020
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Liabilities	<b>2,936,020</b> 3,823
Liabilities Current Liabilities:	
Liabilities Current Liabilities: Accounts Payable	3,823
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The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

## Regional Crisis Response Agency Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position December 31, 2024

Operating Revenues	
Cash Received From Participating Cities	2,046,254
Intergovernmental Revenue	1,502,451
Total Operating Revenues	3,548,705
Operating Expenses	
Operating Supplies	79,938
Operating Services	2,452,218
Depreciation Expense	
Total Operating Expenses	2,532,156
Operating Income/ (Loss)	1,016,549
New York Programme / Europe	
Nonoperating Revenues/Expenses	
Interest and Investment Revenue	-
Total Nonoperating Revenues/Expenses	-
Income Before Contributions	1,016,549
income before contributions	1,010,549
Capital Contributions	76,183
Capital Contributions	70,103
Change in Net Position	1,092,732
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Net Position Beginning	1,083,713
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Net Position Ending	2,176,445

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#### Regional Crisis Response Agency Statement of Cash Flows December 31, 2024

Cash Flows From Operating Activities	
Cash Received From Participating Cities & Grant Proceeds	2,649,441
Cash Paid to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(2,475,618)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	173,824
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities	
Contributions From (To) Other Funds and Governments	
Proceeds From Sale of Assets and Insurance Recoveries	-
Acquisition and Construction of Capital Assets	(92,483)
Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Capital and Related Financing Activities	(92,483)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities	
Net (Increase) Decrease in Investments	-
Interest Revenue	-
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	81,341
Cash and Cash Equivalents, January 1	1,197,103
Cash and Cash Equivalents, December 31	1,278,443
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Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net  Cash Provided by Operating Activities	
Cash Provided by Operating Activities	
Operating Income (Loss)	1,016,549
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to	2,020,010
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	
Depreciation	-
Changes in Assets and Liabilities	
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	(16,969)
(Increase) Decrease in Due From Other Governments	(899,264)
Increase (Decrease) in Unearned Revenue	16,931
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(170,683)
Increase (Decrease) in Due to Other Governments	227,258
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	173,824
Noncash Investing, Capital and Finance Activities:	
Contributed Capital	76,183

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#### **Regional Crisis Response Agency**

### Notes to the Financial Statements For Year Ended December 31, 2024

#### Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the Regional Crisis Response Agency (RCR) have been prepared in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The significant accounting policies of RCR are described below.

#### Organization

RCR was formed in 2023 as a separate, independent governmental administrative agency created by an interlocal agreement between the cities of Bothell, Kenmore, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park (LFP), and Shoreline as authorized by the Interlocal Cooperation Act under Chapter 39.34 and 24.06 of the Revised Code of Washington. It is governed by an executive board comprised of city managers or administrators from each member city and funded through a combination of contributions from member agencies and grants.

RCR was formed by merging the North Sound RADAR Navigator Program and Kirkland's Community Responder Program in order provide consolidated and standardized regional mobile crisis response services for the five-city region. RCR provides services emphasizing a person-centered approach focusing on compassionate and immediate crisis response, de-escalation, resource referral, and follow-up tailored to the specific needs of those experiencing behavioral health challenges.

#### **Fund Accounting**

The accounts of RCR are organized on a fund basis, with a set of self-balancing accounts that comprise of its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenses. RCR's resources are allocated to and accounted for in funds as summarized in the financial statements. Following is a description of the proprietary fund type used by RCR.

#### **Proprietary Fund Types**

Proprietary funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and full-accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when liability is incurred regardless of the timing of the cash flows.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of RCR are from contributions from member agencies and grants. Operating expenses for proprietary funds include the cost of supplies and services. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

#### **Budgetary Data**

The majority of RCR's operating revenue comes from quarterly contributions from participating agencies and grants. The method for allocating revenue from participating agencies is defined in RCR's Interlocal Agreement Section 12. In 2024, the budget was amended through Resolution 2024-03 adopting an Amended 2023-2024 RCR Biennial Budget.

Section 12 of the Interlocal Agreement states RCR's budget for the budget period 2023-2024 should be allocated as shown in Exhibit B. Thereafter, RCR costs, net of revenues from grants or other sources, shall be allocated between participating agencies in each budget period (as determined by the Executive Board) on a per capita basis, based on the April 1 Population of Cities, Towns and Counties Used for Allocation of Selected State Revenues State of Washington published by the Washington State Office of Financial Management Population Estimate (or equivalent population database) in the year prior to the commencement of the budget period.

Resolution 2024-03 amended RCR's 2023-2024 budgets to account for changes in revenue, expenditure, and reserve amounts. The updated budget was outlined as follows:

### EXHIBIT A 2023-2024 BUDGET AND PRINCIPAL BUDGET SHARES 2023-2024 REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE AGENCY BUDGET DETAIL

BUDGET	START-UP COST		ONGOING OPERATIONS							
		Amended 2023	Amend.	Revised 2023	Amended 2024	Amend.	Revised 2024	TOTAL '23-'24	ONGOING)	
EXPENSES										
Personnel	8,580	2,020,933	\$ -	2,020,933	2,104,847	(670,978)	1,433,869	3,454,802	3,463,382	
Professional Services & Training	18,000	49,400	\$ -	49,400	50,882	58,226	109,108	158,508	176,508	
Clothing and Equipment	41,400	10,450	\$ -	10,450	10,764	4,579	15,343	25,793	67,193	
IT, Supplies, and Furniture	52,830	155,745	\$ -	155,745	160,763	(19,136)	141,627	297,372	350,202	
Vehicles	100,000	24,740	\$ -	24,740	25,482	51,567	77,049	101,789	201,789	
Miscellaneous	-	195,340	\$ -	195,340	201,917	(89,234)	112,683	308,023	308,022	
TOTAL EXPENSES	220,810	2,456,607	\$ -	2,456,607	2,554,655	(664,976)	1,889,679	4,346,286	4,567,096	
REVENUES										
TOTAL EXTERNAL REVENUES	\$ -	788,900	\$ -	788,900	638,400	569,133	1,207,533	1,996,433	1,996,433	
MEMBER AGENCIES SHARES <sup>1</sup>	405,056	1,797,707	\$ -	1,797,707	2,046,255	\$ -	2,046,255	3,843,962	4,249,018	
TOTAL REVENUES	405,056	2,586,607	\$ -	2,586,607	2,684,655	569,133	3,253,788	5,840,395	6, 245, 451	
FUND BALANCE & RESERVES	184,246	130,000	\$ -	130,000	130,000	1,234,109	1,364,109	1,494,109	1,678,355	

<sup>1</sup> 2023-2024 MEMBER AGENCIES SHARES								
	Bothell	Kenmore	Kirkland	LFP	Shoreline	Total		
Population (April 2022 Revised OFM)	48,940	24,090	93,570	13,620	60,320	240,540		
% of Total	20.35%	10.01%	38.90%	5.66%	25.08%	100.00%		
MEMBER AGENCIES SHARES								
Start-Up (1-Time Costs)	82,412	40,566	157,567	22,935	101,575	405,056		
2023 Kirkland Covers additional 3.5 FTEs, remaining per capita	251,166	123,633	1,043,441	69,899	309,569	1,797,707		
2024 Kirkland Covers additional 3.5 FTEs, remaining per capita	312,532	153,839	1,107,700	86,978	385,205	2,046,255		
TOTAL 2023-2024	646,110	318,038	2,308,707	179,812	796,350	4,249,018		

<sup>\*</sup>LFP - Lake Forest Park

#### **Allocation Methodology**

City of Kirkland offered to cover a larger portion of the on-going costs in 2023-2024 since the City was already funding the Kirkland-only Community Responder program at higher levels. The cities agreed to this arrangement in the first biennium with the goal of sharing the program costs equitably on a per-capita basis starting in 2025-2026.

#### **Procedures for Adopting the Original Budget**

The budget process and the time limits under which a budget must be developed are established by State law. The RCR Executive Board has adopted the biennial budget process, and the budget period corresponds to the fiscal years determined by the Board. RCR's initial budget period is from the date RCR was legally established through the end of calendar year 2024. RCR follows the procedures outlined below in the year preceding the first year of the two-year budget to establish its biennial budget:

- 1. The Executive Director develops the proposed operating budget for the next budget period in consultation with the Operations Board.
- 2. The Executive Director presents a proposed budget to the Executive Board by no later than June 30 prior to the commencement of the budget period, together with any Operations Board's recommendations with respect to the proposed budget.
- 3. No later than August 31, the Executive Board reviews and revises the budget as it deems appropriate; conducts a public hearing on the draft budget; and approves a draft budget and forwards same to Principals.
- 4. The budget is adopted by Supermajority Vote of the Executive Board effective no later than December 15 prior to commencement of the budget period, following confirmation of the approval by the legislative authorities of Principals of each respective shares of the budget, as evidenced by resolution or other appropriate method received by RCR no later than December 1 preceding the commencement of the budget period. Failure of a Principal to approve its share of the budget before the commencement of the budget period shall result in RCR no longer responding to Community Members in Crisis within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Principal, effective as of the first day of the budget period for which the budget was not approved.

#### Amending the Budget

Modifications to the budget must be approved by a Supermajority Vote of the Executive Board as necessary from time to time after each Principal has approved its own budget in order to conform the RCR budget to the budgets adopted by the Principals and account for other operating changes.

#### Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position

**Cash** – It is RCR's policy to invest all temporary cash surpluses. Amounts are reported on the Balance Sheet as either Cash and Cash Equivalents or Investments. Cash and Cash Equivalents include currency on hand, Washington State Public Deposit Protection Commission (PDPC) member bank deposits, and investments in the Washington State Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP). As of December 31, 2024, all cash surpluses were held in Washington State PDPC member bank deposits. In the future, cash surpluses will also be held in the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP).

**Receivables –** Customer accounts receivable consist of amounts owed from participating cities for services received, including amounts owed for which billings have not been prepared.

#### Capital Assets - See Note 5

Capital assets, which include machinery and equipment, are defined by RCR as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$10,000 and an estimated useful life of 2 or more years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation.

Costs for additions or improvements to capital assets are capitalized when they increase the effectiveness or efficiency of the asset. The costs for normal maintenance and repairs are not capitalized.

Depreciation is charged to operations using the straight-line method based on the estimated useful life of an asset. The estimated useful lives of depreciable assets are as follows:

Assets Years
Machinery and Equipment 5-20

**Unearned Revenues –** RCR's services are billed quarterly, with the Executive Board approving the next biennium's fees during the Governing Board Meeting held in December of every even year. To follow the payment deadline schedule established in the creating Interlocal Agreement, RCR issued the first quarter's billing for the following year in December. The balance is reported as unearned revenue, as it's not recognizable revenue until the following year.

**Net Position –** In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted-net position and unrestricted-net position, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It's RCR's policy to consider restricted-net position to have been depleted before unrestricted-net position is applied.

**Federal Income Tax –** RCR is exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3); accordingly, no provision has been made for federal income tax in the accompanying financial statements.

**Use of estimates** – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP in the United States, requires management to make estimates and assumptions. These affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses, as well as the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results can differ from estimates.

#### Note 2 - Accounting and Reporting Changes

Not Applicable in current year.

#### Note 3 - Contingencies and Litigation

RCR's financial statements include all material liabilities. There are no material contingent liabilities to record.

#### Note 4 - Deposits and Investments

RCR's bank deposits are covered by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or by collateral held in a multiple institution collateral pool administered by the Washington Public Deposit Protection Commission (PDPC). All deposits not covered by the FDIC are covered by the PDPC. The deposits are not subject to additional legal or contractual provisions. The book value of the deposits does not differ materially from the bank balance of deposits. RCR's deposits at fair market value at the end of fiscal year 2024 were \$1,278,443.

#### Note 5 - Capital Assets

Capital Assets of proprietary funds are capitalized in the Statement of Net Position. These assets are stated at cost or estimated cost when original cost is not available or appraised value at the time received as in the case of donations. Depreciation expense is charged to operations to allocate the cost of fixed assets over their estimated useful lives using the straight-line method with useful lives.

A summary of RCR's capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2024, is as follows:

	Balance 1/1/202	4	Add	itions	Deleti	ons	Balance	e 12/31/24
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated								
Machinery and Equipment		-		168,666		-		168,666
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	\$	-	\$	168,666	\$	-	\$	168,666
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:								
Machinery and Equipment		-		-		-		-
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net		-		168,666		-		168,666
Total Capital Assets, Net	\$	-	\$	168,666	\$	-	\$	168,666

#### Note 6 - Risk Management

RCR is a member of the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA).

Utilizing Chapter 48.62 RCW (self-insurance regulation) and Chapter 39.34 RCW (Interlocal Cooperation Act), nine cities originally formed WCIA on January 1, 1981. WCIA was created for the purpose of providing a pooling mechanism for jointly purchasing insurance, jointly self-insuring, and / or jointly contracting for risk management services. As of December 31, 2024, WCIA had a total of 168 members.

New members initially contract for a three-year term, and thereafter automatically renew on an annual basis. A one-year withdrawal notice is required before membership can be terminated. Termination does not relieve a former member from its unresolved loss history incurred during membership.

Liability coverage is written on an occurrence basis, without deductibles. Coverage includes general, automobile, police, errors or omissions, stop gap, employment practices, prior wrongful acts, and employee benefits liability. Limits are \$4 million per occurrence in the self-insured layer, and \$16 million in limits above the self-insured layer is provided by reinsurance. Total limits are \$20 million per occurrence subject to aggregates and sublimits. The Board of Directors determines the limits and terms of coverage annually.

All Members are provided a separate cyber risk policy and premises pollution liability coverage group purchased by WCIA. The cyber risk policy provides coverage and separate limits for security & privacy, event management, and cyber extortion, with limits up to \$1 million and subject to member deductibles, sublimits, and a \$5 million pool aggregate. Premises pollution liability provides Members with a \$2 million incident limit and \$10 million pool aggregate subject to a \$100,000 per incident Member deductible.

Insurance for property, automobile physical damage, fidelity, inland marine, and equipment breakdown coverage are purchased on a group basis. Various deductibles apply by type of coverage. Property coverage is self-funded from the members' deductible to \$1,000,000, for all perils other than flood and earthquake, and insured above that to \$400 million per occurrence subject to aggregates and sublimits. Automobile physical damage coverage is self-funded from the members' deductible to \$250,000 and insured above that to \$100 million per occurrence subject to aggregates and sublimits.

RCR had no claims for fiscal year 2024.

In-house services include risk management consultation, loss control field services, and claims and litigation administration. WCIA contracts for certain claims investigations, consultants for personnel and land use issues, insurance brokerage, actuarial, and lobbyist services.

WCIA is fully funded by its members, who make annual assessments on a prospectively rated basis, as determined by an outside, independent actuary. The assessment covers loss, loss adjustment, reinsurance and other administrative expenses. As outlined in the interlocal, WCIA retains the right to additionally assess the membership for any funding shortfall.

An investment committee, using investment brokers, produces additional revenue by investment of WCIA's assets in financial instruments which comply with all State guidelines.

A Board of Directors governs WCIA, which is comprised of one designated representative from each member. The Board elects an Executive Committee and appoints a Treasurer to provide general policy

direction for the organization. The WCIA Executive Director reports to the Executive Committee and is responsible for conducting the day to day operations of WCIA.

#### Note 7 – Joint Ventures

In 2023, the cities of Bothell, Kenmore, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, and Shoreline merged the North Sound RADAR Navigator Program and Kirkland's Community Responder Program into RCR. The Agency is a separate legal entity, formed by interlocal agreement, and governed by an Executive Board comprised of City Managers or Administrators from each member city. The agency is funded through a combination of contributions from member agencies and grants. RCR deploys Crisis Responder Mental Health Professionals (MHPs) to serve community members in the five-city region who are experiencing behavioral health crises on a 24/7 basis. City of Kirkland is the initial Fiscal Agent of RCR and supports the Agency with financial, information technology, records management, legal, office space, fleet vehicles and vehicle maintenance, uniforms, radios, and other services, facilities and materials. The Agency is incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under RCW 24.06, the Articles of Incorporation, and additional information about the Agency, are available at: https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Government/City-Managers-Office/The-Regional-Crisis-Response-Agency.

#### **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** RCR Executive Board

**From:** Brook Buettner, Executive Director

Heather Lantz-Brazil, Administrative Assistant

**Date:** May 19, 2025

**Subject:** 2025 Quarter 1 Data Dashboard

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Executive Board receives a presentation on the RCR Agency 2025 first quarter response data.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

In the first quarter of 2025, RCR served 591 individuals across 1,193 encounters throughout the region. This report is submitted for review; no formal board action is required at this time.

#### **DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:**

From January 1 to March 31, 2025, RCR Crisis Responders provided services for a total of 591 individuals in the community, during a total of 1,193 encounters. Homelessness status, gender identity, race and referral types data for 2025 first quarter are found in Attachment 1.

The response data reflects consistent engagement across the region, with service distribution aligning with population size. The table below displays the percentage of individuals who received services in each city, as well as the percentage of total encounters in each city for 2025 Q1 and 2024 Q1 for comparison.

Table 1. 2025 and 2024 First Quarter Response Data

City	2025 Q1						
(Population %)	Individuals	% of Total	Encounters	% of Total			
Bothell (20.49%)	119	20.14%	331	27.75%			
Kenmore (9.85%)	26	4.40%	73	6.12%			
Kirkland (39.1%)	234	39.59%	403	33.78%			
Lake Forest Park (5.53%)	16	2.71%	61	5.11%			
Shoreline (25.03%)	196	33.16%	325	27.24%			
Total City Individuals	591	100%	1,193	100%			

City	2024 Q1							
(Population %)	Individuals	% of Total						
Bothell (20.35%)	89	20.51%	249	26.69%				
Kenmore (10.1%)	23	5.30%	33	3.54%				
Kirkland (38.9%)	228	52.53%	441	47.27%				
Lake Forest Park (6.8%)	11	2.53%	17	1.82%				
Shoreline (25.08%)	83	19.12%	193	20.69%				
Total City Individuals	434	100%	933	100%				

#### **NEXT STEPS:**

No formal action required at this time.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1 – 2025 Q1 Regional Crisis Response Agency Data Dashboard



### Regional Crisis Response Agency Data Dashboard January 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025

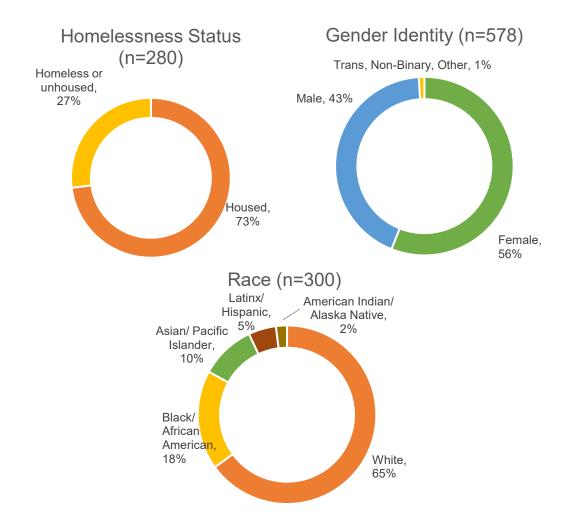
Total Served: 591 Total Encounters: 1,193

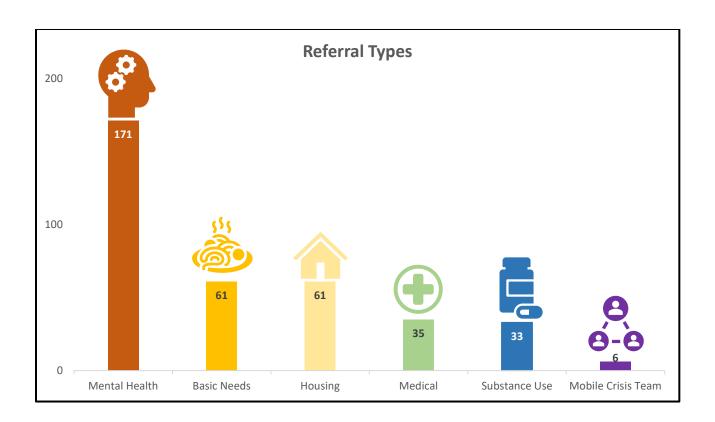
From January 1 to March 31, 2025, RCR Crisis Responders provided services for a total of 591 individuals in our community, during a total of 1,193 encounters.

Of those individuals served for whom race data was available (n=300), 65% were White, and 35% were Black, Indigenous or People of Color (BIPOC).

Of those for whom housing data was available (n=280), 27% were homeless or unhoused. Of individuals served, 56% were female, 43% were male, 1% were trans, non-binary or other gender expression.

City	Individuals served	Encounters
Bothell	119	331
Kenmore	26	73
Kirkland	234	403
Lake Forest Park	16	61
Shoreline	196	325





#### **MEMORANDUM**

To: RCR Executive Board

From: Brook Buettner, Executive Director

**Date:** May 29, 2025

**Subject:** Executive Director Report

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the RCR Executive Board receive information from the Executive Director on several identified key areas, ask questions and provide feedback and direction.

**FORMAT NOTE:** New and emerging information is in grey boxes, with context/ historical information from previous memos below.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

#### **Governance Bodies**

#### **Principals Assembly**

The Principals Assembly is scheduled for its annual meeting June 18, 2025, 6:30-8pm at Lake Forest Park City Hall.

Proposed Agenda Items include:

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Public Comment
- 4. Approval of the Minutes
- 5. Community Advisory Group Presentation
  - a. No Community Advisory Group member has yet expressed willingness to speak at this Principals Assembly meeting
- 6. 2024 Annual Report Data Review
  - a. Based on board feedback, to include discussion of longer-term Outcome Data
- 7. Operations Board Workplan on the Crisis Continuum of Care
  - a. ConnectionsHealth staff to attend in person and speak on Crisis Facility operations
- 8. Staffing and Coverage Overview
- 9. Good of the Order
- 10. Next Meeting
- 11. Adjournment

#### **Operations Board**

The RCR Operations Board will meet virtually on June 10, 2025. The Agenda will focus on First Responder drop off at the ConnectionsHealth Crisis Facility and implementation of the RCR DOJ Connect and Protect grant.

#### **Community Advisory Group**

The Community Advisory Group continues to focus on recruitment for 2025. RCR staff has met with partners at Eastside Pathways, a coalition of organizations working for social justice and equity, to move support with recruitment and diversification of the Community Advisory Group.

#### **Operations**

#### Team

The two Crisis Responder Leads traveled to Olympia on May 19, 2025, to be present for Governor Ferguson's public safety bill signing event. This was an exciting opportunity for the Leads. The RCR Executive Director provided the remarks for the Governor's signing of House Bill 1811, "Enhancing crisis response services through co-response integration and support."

#### Agency

The RCR Agency has been awarded the Center for Human Services Dorrit Pealy Award for Outstanding Community Support. In her email notifying the RCR Executive Director of the award, CHS Executive Director Beratta Gomillion said, "Our intent is to honor an organization... who has made a significant community impact on CHS and the work we do, and on addressing the needs of our clients. Sounds like RCR Agency to me." RCR Staff will accept the award at the CHS Fundraising Gala event on May 31, 2025.

#### Staffing

An internal recruitment is underway to backfill the Crisis Responder Lead position vacated by the promotion of the Crisis Responder Supervisor. This will in turn open a Crisis Responder FTE position. The Lead position will be primarily stationed at Bothell/ Lake Forest Park.

#### Crisis Facility Update

RCR staff continues to work with ConnectionsHealth Crisis Facility staff to improve workflows and RCR Supervisor staff now have a standing meeting with ConnectionsHealth clinical leadership to monitor any issues as they arise. RCR staff is also working on bringing ConnectionsHealth leadership to a RCR Police Chief meeting to provide an update and answer any questions.

#### **Budget and Grants**

Washington Health Care Authority/ Department of Justice (DOJ) Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program (COSSUP)

The Washington Health Care Authority (HCA) applied for and was awarded a DOJ-COSSUP grant to fund RCR's work to support staff time as we improve our response to the opioid crisis and people experiencing overdose. RCR staff is watching this closely as several DOJ-COSSUP

grants across the country have been suspended by Executive Order, although none in Washington state as yet.

A deliverables-based contract for the initial year totaling \$124,250 was signed and finalized on May 22, 2025. The HCA has assured RCR and fiscal agent staff that the initial \$100,000 for the planning year is guaranteed with the signing of this contract between HCA and RCR. This funding is not considered in the approved 2025-2027 Approved Biennial Budget.

#### **MIDD**

King County staff have informed RCR and fiscal agent staff that 2025 will be a contract extension year as King County works on the MIDD Renewal Plan for 2026. King County has reported an annual award of \$555k, a \$52k reduction from 2024. Final contract has been signed and RCR has submitted one invoice for reimbursement, with more pending. RCR Staff has been invited to participate as Subject Matter Expert in an upcoming series of King County MIDD Renewal listening sessions. RCR staff continue to work with King County staff on MIDD renewal and ensuring ongoing support.

#### WASPC

2.5 of the 3.0 Temporary FTE positions supported by the WASPC grant are actively working in the field. RCR, Kirkland Police Department and City of Kirkland fiscal staff have successfully submitted all invoices and documentation for the first fiscal year of this grant. The WASPC RFP for the 2025-2027 award period has been submitted by Kirkland Police Department staff, requesting ongoing funding for the 3.0 temporary Crisis Responder positions. Kirkland PD and RCR staff were called for an interview with a rating panel on March 19, 2025.

Governor Ferguson signed the 2025-2027 State Budget on May 20, 2025, which included funding for the WASPC Mental Health Field Response Teams grants. News on 25-27 awards is expected from WASPC after June 1.

#### Association of Washington Cities

AWC is invoiced regularly for the cost of 2.0 FTE Crisis Responders. RCR Staff are providing monthly narrative reports. This is the third and final year of funding through the Alternative Response Team Grant.

#### Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Bureau of Justice Assistance Connect and Protect Grant funding, previously awarded to the City of Shoreline/ RADAR Navigator Program, is now in the planning year. RCR staff is working with the Center for Human Services on the required Planning and Implementation Guide. This funding will allow RCR to subcontract with the Center for Human Services to offer Crisis Responders a dedicated front door to intake for outpatient services. This will be important because often outpatient services are not available for days or weeks. Previously, Technical Assistance staff contracted with the DOJ to provide support for grantees and programs implementing Connect and Protect Grants had expressed confidence that this grant line within the DOJ was an Executive priority.

With support from Kirkland City Attorney staff, a contract was created for the planning year partnership with the Center for Human Services. This deliverables-based contract is pending signatures and once executed will enable RCR staff to draw down the initial \$100,000 of the grant funds.

#### Monitoring Fiscal Risk (Additional standing report item)

RCR and Fiscal Agent staff continue to closely monitor the changing federal, state and local funding environments.

As reported previously to the Executive Board as part of a briefing on the Fiscal Risk Assessment Process, federal funding represents \$129,000 over the biennium in the approved budget. This funding is part of the DOJ Connect and Protect grant which covers part of the cost of the Executive Director, to pay for time spent planning and implementing a contract with the Center for Human Services to provide immediate intake services for individuals encountered by RCR Crisis Responders.

The HCA grant discussed above is also funded through federal funding, although it is not anticipated in the approved 2025-2026 RCR Agency Budget. The HCA has assured RCR and fiscal agent staff that the initial \$100,000 for the planning year is guaranteed with the signing of this contract between HCA and RCR.

#### 2025 Legislative Session

The Co-Responder Outreach Alliance (CROA), In partnership with the University of Washington and the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, has drafted legislation to define coresponse and create protections for co-response peer support. Representative Osman Salahuddin sponsored the bill. House Bill 1811<sup>1</sup> ("Enhancing crisis response services through coresponse integration and support") passed through the House with strong bipartisan support, passed through the Senate unanimously, successfully passed through the concurrence process, and was signed by the Governor on May 19, 2025. The RCR Crisis Responder Leads were present to represent RCR, and the RCR Executive Director provided the comments for the bill in her role as the President of the CROA Board.

On that date the Governor also signed <u>House Bill 2015</u><sup>2</sup> ("Improving public safety funding by providing resources to local governments and state and local criminal justice agencies, and authorizing a local option tax,") which included language added by Senator Manka Dhingra expanding the eligible public safety programs to include co-response programs.

On May 20, 2025, the Governor signed the 2025-2027 Budget package, which included ongoing funding for WASPC's Mental Health Field Response Team grant.

#### Elected Officials and other stakeholders participating in RCR Ride-Alongs

Upcoming or pending:

King County Department of Community and Human Services Crisis Services Manager Susan Schoeld

Washington State Representative Nicole Macri

Kelly Kinnison, CEO, King County Regional Homelessness Authority

Shoreline City Councilmember Betsy Robertson

#### **BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

No formal action is recommended at this time.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "HB 1811 – 2025-26", *Washington State Legislature*, May 27, 2025, https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1811&Year=2025&Initiative=false

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "HB 2015 – 2025-26", Washington State Legislature, May 27, 2025,