



# Memorandum

**TO: SATPAL SIDHU, COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

**FROM:** Erika Lautenbach, Health and Community Services Director

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**

**RE: HEALTHY CHILDREN'S FUND ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

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In November 2022, Ordinance 2022-092 established the initial Healthy Children's Fund as a unique County fund. Eligible expenditures for this fund are defined in Ordinance 2022-045.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to clarify that interest income earned on the Healthy Children's Fund may be reinvested in the fund (Ordinance 2022-045, Section 3 Eligible Expenses). Reinvesting interest income generated by dedicated funding will provide an additional opportunity to grow this fund and maximize support for children and families.

This clarification of eligible use of funds will also improve the County's ability to account for all financial aspects of the Healthy Children's levy funding. Unless otherwise established, the County Treasurer has statutory authority according to RCW 36.29.101 (8) to determine where to invest fund interest, typically the general fund, unless otherwise directed. This ordinance amendment provides specific direction for the Treasurer's Office in this regard.

Please call Erika Lautenbach at 360-778-6000 if there are any questions. Thank you.