

King County Proposed Budget Principles for WRIA 8 MOU:

- King County and WRIA ILA partners will continue to share the cost of facilitating implementation of the WRIA 8 Chinook Habitat Plan through a cost-share formula based on each jurisdiction's population, assessed value and area.
- The ILA partners recognize that the cost for salaries, benefits, overhead, and operation and maintenance generally increase incrementally over time, especially if there is retention of staff. Therefore the ILA cost shares are likely to increase annually with union negotiated wage rates and inflation over the 10 year period of the ILA.
- All of the ILA partners, including King County, need to be able to show that their portion of the cost-share is a fair and reasonable share for their rate payers to pay.
- The ILA partners also need predictability, sufficient lead time regarding cost share increases and assurances that the increases will approximate the Consumer Price Index for Wages (as a measure of inflation).
- The annual budget will be based on King County's costs for the WRIA 8 team salaries, benefits, overhead and operations, and WRIA 8's costs for supplies and services. King County includes computer costs in WRIA 8 supplies and services.

KC's budget proposal:

For King County's next biennium budget, 2017-18, it is assumed the increase in the overall WRIA 8 budget including salaries, benefits, operations and maintenance and overhead will not exceed the Consumer Price Index for Wages (projected to be 2.2% for 2017 and 2.36% for 2018) provided that staffing levels remain the same. King County and ILA partners can revisit this proposal every two years or if costs increase more than the Consumer Price Index for Wages.

Option:

The WRIA 8 Implementation Committee indicated a preference to extend the interval for reviewing the ILA cost share increase in King County's proposal from every two years to every four years. This would provide ILA partners with increased budget certainty regarding annual cost shares. If implemented, the policy to annually increase the ILA cost share would be authorized in 2016 and be revisited in 2020 and 2024.