

# KING COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE

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**TO:** King County Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Kymber Waltmunson, County Auditor  
**SUBJECT:** Errata – Auditor's Office revises downward the magnitude of recent growth in Department of Community and Human Services grant volume

**We are revising important contextual information in our audit report** of "Department of Community and Human Services Needs to Strengthen Financial Stewardship," originally published on August 26, 2025. The findings and conclusions in our report are not affected by this revision.

The following update revises the total amounts of grant funding awarded between 2019 and 2025:

**The Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) awarded more than \$1.8 billion in grant funding in 2023 and 2024 combined, up from \$922 million in 2019 and 2020.**

On Saturday, August 30, the Auditor's Office received a question via email from Amnon Shoenfeld, a former director of the department. The exchange led to the realization that the online county data set we used to quantify the growth and volume of DCHS grants between 2019 and 2025 was incomplete. The data was not comprehensive because, as a point-in-time snapshot of active contracts, it excluded grants that had expired prior to the date that the data was pulled in April 2025. The comprehensive data used to revise these figures are for awarded amounts that appear in contracts, which often span multiple years. They differ from actual payments and are more akin to total allowable funds.

Shoenfeld relied on his deep knowledge of DCHS to see what was missing. Shoenfeld said he retired from DCHS in 2014, after 34 years of service. During that time, he said he served for 11 years as the director of what is now the Behavioral Health and Recovery Division.

We are revising the data in the report to adhere to Government Auditing Standards. Both the previously reported and revised data support the same conclusion that DCHS manages a high volume of community grants and that this volume has increased in recent years. Accuracy is critical to our work. We have many layers of quality assurance processes in place, including review of the facts by DCHS, and we are evaluating to identify lessons learned.

We will replace the originally published audit on our website as soon as possible and notify parties who received the original audit, including the media, of corrections. Please let me know if you would like to discuss further.

Best,



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