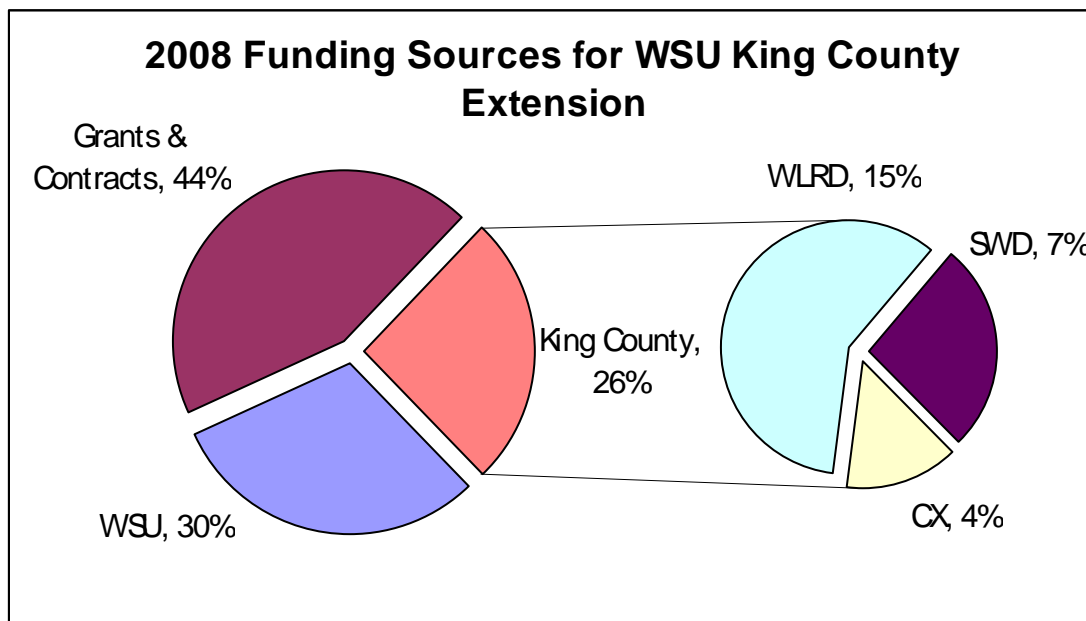


The story of funding for WSU King County Extension

How the KCE budget breaks down

For 2008 King County supports 25% of the total WSU King County Extension budget (~\$700,000). The rest of the budget (about \$2.0 million) comes from Washington State University as well as grants and contracts. Total 2008 budget is about \$2.7 million.

From King County funds, the Solid Waste Division provides about 7% of the total KCE budget (or 26% of the funds from King County, the Water and Land Resources Division contributes about 15% (60% of the King County funds), and general revenue (or CX funding) contributes about 4% (14% of the King County funds).



The near 100-year relationship between King County and WSU Extension is based on a joint funding model. At its most basic level, WSU contributes to salaries and benefits for most personnel and King County provides some salary support and the local operating funding (travel, space, IT, program materials, etc). Some positions in our office are funded 36% County and 64% WSU and others are split such that the County pays for salary and WSU pays for benefits.

To be effective, WSU King County Extension needs reliable funding from both King County AND Washington State University. If either one of the partners is not able to contribute their financial component, it is unlikely the other partner can make up the difference. It is this core support that King County Extension leverages to bring in over \$1.2 million dollars in grant and contacts. In essence, King County Extension funding looks like a three legged stool (WSU, King County, and Grants & Contacts); however, if either of the first two legs (WSU or King County) is removed, the entire model crumbles.

How KCE contributes to the local economy in King County

- **Is a good investment of King County funds:** For every \$1.00 that King County contributes to WSU King County Extension, we return an average of \$5.75. That's almost a 600% return on their investment.
- **Attracts additional investment in King County:** Overall, WSU King County Extension attracts nearly \$4 million of additional public money to be spent on programs reaching residents of King County. If our funding is reduced, these additional dollars and the services they provide will be diverted to other counties or states.
- **Builds local capacity and fosters community:** WSU King County Extension trains and manages over 1700 volunteers who in 2008 have contributed over 170,000 hours which translates to about 85 full-time employee (FTE) hours.