

## SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

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### 1. BILL SUMMARY

- a. **Legislation Title:** AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 125724, which adopted the 2019 budget; changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels; lifting a proviso; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.
- b. **Summary and background of the Legislation:** This legislation lifts a budget proviso placed on \$475,000 in funding in the Finance General Department (General Fund reserves) related to the implementation of a Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) response Team (Green Sheet 13-40-A-3-2019). Council adopted a proviso on these funds which states: “The Finance General funding will not be released until the Executive provides a plan to scope the City’s emergency response system to better align with the needs demonstrated by its most frequent utilizers, including estimated staffing and resource needs to launch a MIH Team pilot program.”

The Executive’s Emergency Response Inter-Departmental Team (IDT), a work group consisting of personnel from the Seattle Fire Department (SFD), Seattle Police Department, Seattle Human Services Department, Seattle-King County Public Health and other internal and external stakeholders, submitted a MIH response unit pilot proposal to the Chair of the Gender Equity, Safe Communities, New Americans and Education Committee (GESCNA-Ed), which fully satisfied the requirements in Green Sheet 13-40-A-3-2019.

In addition to the release of the \$475,000 that was restricted by proviso, the Finance General (General Fund reserve) appropriation authority is transferred to the Seattle Fire Department Operations Budget Control Level so that SFD may operationalize the MIH Team in the third quarter of 2019. This ordinance effectuates the necessary transfer of authority.

### 2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- a. **Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?**     \_\_\_ Yes  X  No

### 3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- a. **Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget?**  X  Yes   \_\_\_ No  
If there are no changes to appropriations, revenues, or positions, please delete the table below.

**Budget program(s) affected:** \_\_\_\_\_

Appropriation change (\$):	General Fund \$	Other \$
	2019	2019
Seattle Fire Department Operations BCL (00100-BO-FD-F3000)	\$475,000	
Finance General Reserves BCL (00100-BO-FG-2QD00)	(\$475,000)	

**b. Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?**

If so, describe the nature of the impacts. This could include increased operating and maintenance costs, for example.

Ongoing funding for the MIH is not contemplated in the City of Seattle 2020 Endorsed Budget. If the pilot is institutionalized, there will be additional costs that would need to be added to the Endorsed Budget. Those costs are not available at this point in time.

Ongoing operation of the MIH may result in longer lifespans of the emergency response vehicles used by the Seattle Fire Department. More research on this issue is required.

**c. Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?**

Estimate the costs to the City of not implementing the legislation, including estimated costs to maintain or expand an existing facility or the cost avoidance due to replacement of an existing facility, potential conflicts with regulatory requirements, or other potential costs or consequences.

No, except for the lost efficiency opportunities noted in (b) above.

**4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

**a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**

No.

**b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**

Yes.

**c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?**

No property is involved with this legislation.

**d. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**

No publication of notice is required for this legislation.

**e. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**

This legislation does not impact any property.

**f. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?**

The highest percent of Low Acuity calls come from the city's shelters and homeless population, the clients of which disproportionately reflect people of color. In our community, African Americans are five times more likely to experience homelessness and Native Americans/Alaska Natives are seven times more likely to experience homelessness than whites. Persons experiencing homelessness are often some of the most vulnerable in our community, as a significant number also have disabilities, mental health and substance abuse conditions. The intersections of race, poverty, disability and behavioral health result in an extremely disadvantaged community.

The use of the MIH Team will benefit persons experiencing homelessness by providing a more specialized / appropriate emergency response that will be tailored to an individual's needs. The MIH Team is expected to improve the patient experience and the outcomes of individuals who access the city 9-1-1 system for non-emergent complaints.

**g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s).**

The legislation funds a pilot program that is expected to continue into 2020. The IDT MIH proposal notes the following goals and objectives:

This pilot will have two overarching goals: (1) improve the patient experience and the outcomes of individuals who access the city 9-1-1 system for non-emergent complaints; and (2) lessen the impact of non-emergency requests for service on SFD operations units.

Near-Term Objectives of MIH Team:

- Ability to provide an enhanced suite of patient transport destinations beyond Emergency Rooms (ERs);
- Ability to perform more in-depth, on-scene triage and evaluation;
- Provision of real-time warm handoffs or referrals to medical, behavioral, and social service providers, and post-call follow-up; and
- Divert patients away from costly ER, inpatient, and jail services.

Medium to Long Term Objectives of MIH response unit:

- Increase SFD operational readiness as measured by front-line operations company response times and unit hour utilization; and

- Perform in-depth ongoing program evaluation and continuous quality improvement to understand strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for MIH iteration and expansion.

An iterative design model, where specifics of the deployment model shift and adapt based on continuous quality improvement, data analysis, and feedback from providers, partners, and patients is recommended.

**h. Other Issues:**

- None

**List attachments/exhibits below:**

Summary Attachment A – Executive IDT response to the City Council regarding Greensheet 13-40-A-3-2019