

2022 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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Budget Action Title: Request that HSD report on availability of state and federal funding for food programs

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Human Services Department (HSD) provide a report to Council on the availability of state or federal funding for food programs.

The 2021 Adopted Budget included \$18.2 million for food and nutrition programs, including meal programs in shelter and permanent supportive housing, childcare nutrition and children and youth summer meals, home food delivery, food banks, and other food system supports. During 2021, an additional \$9.1 million was added to these programs, primarily using one-time COVID relief funds. The 2022 Proposed Budget does not include these one-time funds and therefore total program funding is reduced. HSD-005-B-001 would add \$5.1 million to sustain funding for nine months, however Council anticipates that additional funding for food programs may become available in 2022, such as from the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA).

The Council requests that the Executive provide a report to Public Safety and Human Services Committee, or its successor committee, to inform Council of the availability of additional funding for food and nutrition programs, including a proposal for how these funds will be spent. The Council requests that this report be submitted by June 1, 2022, or before the transmittal of the mid-year supplemental budget legislation, whichever occurs first.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Public Safety & Human Services

Date Due to Council: June 1, 2022