

CITY OF SEATTLE
ORDINANCE 126538
COUNCIL BILL 120267

AN ORDINANCE related to the City’s response to the COVID-19 crisis; amending Ordinance 126490, which adopted the 2022 Budget; accepting funding from non-City sources; changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the 2022 Budget; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared that the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a global pandemic, which is particularly severe in high-risk populations such as people with underlying medical conditions and the elderly, and the WHO has raised the health emergency to the highest level requiring dramatic interventions to disrupt the spread of this disease; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, the Washington Governor issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a state of emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington in response to new cases of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in response to outbreaks of COVID-19 in Seattle, Mayor Jenny Durkan proclaimed a civil emergency exists in Seattle in the Mayoral Proclamation of Civil Emergency dated March 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution 31937 affirming the civil emergency, modifying orders transmitted by the Mayor related to the emergency, and establishing Council’s expectations related to future orders and reporting by the Mayor during the civil emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization announced that COVID-19 is officially a global pandemic; and

1 WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national state of
2 emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

3 WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Governor issued a “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order,
4 which, combined with other measures taken to prevent the transmission of COVID-19,
5 effectively closed many businesses in the state of Washington; and

6 WHEREAS, the immediate economic impacts from the COVID-19 emergency have been drastic
7 and are expected to last much longer than the civil emergency itself; and

8 WHEREAS, local companies have reported laying off employees, experiencing substantial
9 revenue losses, dealing with lost business due to fear and stigma, and seeing major declines
10 in foot traffic as tens of thousands of employees continue to work from home; and

11 WHEREAS, these impacts are being felt across all industry sectors, including retail, restaurant,
12 hospitality, transportation, logistics, arts, and culture; and

13 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has created a grave economic crisis. People in our
14 community have been laid off or have had their work hours reduced, and many people are
15 struggling to feed and house their families. Social services are strained, given the
16 increased demand for resources. Businesses are struggling to pay their employees and
17 cover operating costs; and

18 WHEREAS, many people and businesses in Seattle continue to be impacted by COVID-19 and
19 the measures taken to prevent its spread, which resulted in unemployment, housing
20 insecurity, and food insecurity; and

21 WHEREAS, on March 10, 2021, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the American Rescue
22 Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, providing \$1.9 trillion in pandemic relief; and

1 WHEREAS, the City has received \$1.2 million in 2022 from the U.S. Department of Health and
2 Human Services’ ARPA-funded supplemental funding release for the Low Income Home
3 Energy Assistance Program, via the Washington State Department of Commerce, and

4 WHEREAS, the City has received \$500,000 in 2022 from the National Endowment for the Arts’
5 American Rescue Plan sub-granting program via a competitive process to support Hope
6 Corps, the Office of Arts and Culture’s creative workforce recovery program; NOW,

7 THEREFORE,

8 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

9 Section 1. The Mayor or the Mayor’s designee is authorized to accept the following non-
10 City funding from the grantors listed below, and to execute, deliver, and perform, on behalf of
11 The City of Seattle, agreements for the purposes described below. The funds, when received,
12 shall be deposited in the receiving funds identified below.

Item	Department	Grantor	Purpose	Fund	Amount
1.1	Executive (Office of Housing)	United States Department of Health & Human Services through the Washington State Department of Commerce	Weatherization projects in both Single Family and Multi- Family buildings for income qualified owners or tenants.	Low- Income Housing Fund (16400)	\$1,213,575
1.2	Executive (Office of Arts and Culture)	National Endowment for the Arts – American Rescue Plan Sub- granting Program	Support for Hope Corps, ARTS’ creative workforce recovery program.	Arts and Culture Fund (12400)	\$500,000
Total					\$1,713,575

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1 Section 2. Contingent upon the execution of the grants or other funding agreements
 2 authorized in Section 1 of this ordinance, the appropriations for the following items in the 2022
 3 Budget are increased from the funds shown, as follows:

Item	Department	Fund	Budget Summary Level/ BCL Code	Amount
2.1	Executive (Office of Housing)	Low-Income Housing Fund (16400)	Homeownership and Sustainability (BO-HU-2000)	\$1,213,575
2.2	Executive (Office of Arts and Culture)	Arts and Culture Fund (12400)	Arts and Cultural Programs (BO- AR-VA160)	\$500,000
Total				\$1,713,575

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 5 Unspent funds so appropriated shall carry forward to subsequent fiscal years until they
 6 are exhausted or abandoned by ordinance.

7 Section 3. The appropriations for the following items in the 2022 Adopted Budget are
 8 decreased for the funds shown, as follows:

Item	Department	Fund	Budget Summary Level/ BCL Code	Amount
3.3	Finance General	Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (14000)	Appropriations to Special Funds (BO-FG-2QA00)	(\$4,344,457)

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 10 Section 4. The appropriations for the following items in the 2022 Adopted Budget are
 11 modified, as follows:

Item	Department	Fund	Budget Summary Level/BCL Code	Amount
4.1	Seattle Department of Human Resources	Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (14000)	Leadership and Administration (BO-HR-N5000)	(\$205,000)
4.2	Seattle Information Technology Department	Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (14000)	Applications (BO-IT-D0600)	\$205,000

4.3	Executive (Office of Housing)	Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (14000)	Multifamily Housing (BO-HU-3000)	\$1,000,000
4.4	Executive (Office of Housing)	General Fund (00100)	Multifamily Housing (BO-HU-3000)	(\$1,000,000)
4.5	Human Services Department	Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (14000)	Supporting Affordability and Livability (BO-HS-H1000)	\$3,344,457
4.6	Human Services Department	General Fund (00100)	Supporting Affordability and Livability (BO-HS-H1000)	(\$3,344,457)
Total				\$0

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Section 5. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken after its passage

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and prior to its effective date is ratified and confirmed.

1 Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by
2 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it
3 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.


4 Passed by the City Council the 22nd day of _____ February, 2022,
5 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 22nd day of
6 _____ February, 2022.

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President _____ of the City Council

9 Approved / returned unsigned / vetoed this 1st day of March, 2022.

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Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

12 Filed by me this 1st day of March, 2022.

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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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20 Attachments:
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