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Amendment 1
to
CB 120109 – Homelessness and Human Services Fund
Sponsor: CM Lewis
Substitute Draft

Replace version 1 of CB 120109 with version 2.

- Effect:** The substitute draft makes the following six changes to the text of the bill as introduced:
1. Changes the title of the newly created fund from “Homelessness and Human Services Fund” to “It Takes a Village Fund” in all locations where the fund title appears;
 2. Removes “grants” from the list of revenues in Section 3 that the new fund would receive;
 3. Adds language clarifying that transfers from the General Fund are included in the type of transfers the City Council may approve for deposit into the newly created fund;
 4. Changes the department head listed in Section 4 from the Director of the Department of Finance and Administrative Services to the Director of the Human Services Department;
 5. Adds a minimum threshold of \$5,000 for the types of donations and appropriations that Section 4 requires be tracked and reported upon; and
 6. Narrows the information that would be reported on a quarterly basis to just the information that would be otherwise required for reporting to the Internal Revenue Service.

CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

..title

AN ORDINANCE relating to City finances; creating a fund for depositing donations, gifts, and grants related to The City of Seattle’s response to homelessness and provision of human services.

..body

WHEREAS, in November 2015, Mayor Edward Murray issued a Proclamation of Civil

Emergency to address homelessness that was subsequently ratified and confirmed by the Seattle City Council; and

WHEREAS, the point-in-time count conducted in January 2020 estimated that 8,166 people in Seattle, and 11,751 across all of King County, experience homelessness on any given night; and

WHEREAS, numerous parks and public spaces have experienced an increase in unsanctioned encampments of people experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, a substantial proportion of people with substance use disorder are not able to access appropriate treatment or supports to recover from the disorder; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Human Services Department will spend more than \$300 million in 2021 on homelessness and human services and preventative, primary, mental, and behavioral health care; and

WHEREAS, private donors have pledged millions of dollars to expand emergency shelter programs and support the City’s response to homelessness; and

WHEREAS, there is not currently a mechanism for the City to receive private donations to support or expand homelessness and human services and health care;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

2 Section 1. A new ~~Homelessness and Human Services~~ It Takes a Village Fund is created
3 in the City Treasury, effective immediately, to which revenues may be deposited and from which
4 associated expenditures may be paid, including but not limited to City administration costs for
5 the purposes described in Section 2 of this ordinance.

6 Section 2. The purpose of the ~~Homelessness and Human Services~~ It Takes a Village Fund
7 is to provide homelessness and human services and preventative, primary, mental, and
8 behavioral health care. Services can be provided directly or through contracts and agreements
9 with community-based organizations, non-profit service providers, other governmental entities.

10 Permissible uses include:

- 11 A. Programs to prevent and end homelessness;
- 12 B. Hygiene and daytime services to ameliorate exposure from living unsheltered or
13 experiencing homelessness;
- 14 C. Shelter services, emergency housing, and other supports for those experiencing
15 homelessness;
- 16 D. Financial support to individuals, businesses, non-profits, and community-based
17 organizations to move an individual into housing or maintain housing;
- 18 E. Operations, maintenance, and services funding for programs that provide housing,
19 including supportive housing, to individuals experiencing homelessness;
- 20 F. Case management and other supports for individuals who have exited homelessness;
- 21 G. Outreach and engagement of individuals to connect them with shelter, behavioral
22 health services, mental health services, public benefits, and other services or assistance;

1 H. Assistance for people with substance use disorder, behavioral health disorders, or
2 mental health disorders;

3 I. Ensure access to preventative, primary, specialty, and urgent health care;

4 J. Address current and emerging human services needs;

5 K. Support positive youth and family development through investments in community
6 safety, youth employment opportunities, mentoring and educational supports, affordable living,
7 and family supports;

8 L. Food and nutrition services, including access to healthy foods;

9 M. Services to prevent and address gender-based violence; and

10 N. Address the environmental, economic, and social factors that influence health and
11 well-being among older adults.

12 Section 3. The new ~~Homelessness and Human Services~~ It Takes a Village Fund shall
13 receive revenues in the form of donations, ~~or gifts, or grants~~ from organizations, government
14 entities, corporations, businesses, or people who wish to assist The City of Seattle in its response
15 to homelessness and provision of human services and health care and transfers from other City
16 funds, including the General Fund, as approved by the City Council. The Fund shall receive
17 earnings on its positive balances and pay interest on its negative balances.

18 Section 4. The Director of the ~~Department of Finance and Administrative Services~~
19 Human Services Department shall have responsibility for administering the ~~Homelessness and~~
20 Human Services It Takes a Village Fund. The Director of Finance is authorized to create other
21 accounts and subaccounts as may be needed to implement the Fund's purpose and intent as
22 established by this ordinance.

1 Section 5. All donations to and appropriations from the Fund of \$5,000 or more will be
2 tracked and published quarterly so long as there are active donations to or appropriations from it.
3 ~~For donations of \$5,000 or more, t~~The report shall include, at a minimum, information on the
4 names of private donors; and restrictions or covenants applied to the City’s use of donated funds;
5 ~~information on City planning and outreach processes for the use of donated funds, and~~
6 ~~information on contracting processes and performance outcomes for all other appropriated funds.~~
7 The quarterly reports shall be submitted by the City Budget Office to the Mayor and City
8 Council no later than 60 days from the end of the quarter.

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 _____ day of _____, 2021,
5 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this _____ day of
6 _____, 2021.

7 _____
8 President _____ of the City Council

9 Approved / returned unsigned / vetoed this _____ day of _____, 2021.

10 _____
11 Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

12 Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2021.

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14 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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