

# 2022 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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**Budget Action Title:** Request that OH encourage the distribution of rental assistance through food banks and helplines

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

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Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
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## Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Office of Housing (OH) encourage existing contracted community partners to distribute a portion of rental assistance through community-based organizations, including neighborhood helplines (\$200,000) and the Community Connector program located at food banks (\$600,000).

The 2021 Adopted Budget included \$51.5 million one-time funding for rental assistance (\$22.7 million in ORD 120018 and \$28.8 million in ORD 120150). Of these funds:

- \$16.6 million was designated for affordable housing providers,
- \$17.6 million was for United Way and community organizations to assist tenants and small landlords,
- \$15.8 million was for contracts with Community Based Organizations (CBOs) to assist tenants, and
- \$1.5 million for utilities assistance through Seattle Public Utilities and City Light.

According to the October 2021 Seattle Rescue Plan Spending Report, approximately 44 percent of the funds have been spent to date, with the remainder available to be spent in 2021 or will carry forward for spending in 2022.

## Responsible Council Committee(s):

Finance & Housing

## Date Due to Council: