



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Select Committee on Homelessness Strategies and Investments

Agenda

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

2:00 PM

Remote Meeting. Call 253-215-8782; Meeting ID: 586 416 9164; or
Seattle Channel online.

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Lisa Herbold, Vice-Chair
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A. Call To Order

B. Approval of the Agenda

C. Public Comment

D. Items of Business

1. [CB 120109](#) **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.**

Supporting Documents: [Summary and Fiscal Note](#)
[Proposed Substitute](#)

Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote

Presenter: Jeff Simms, Council Central Staff

2. **Human Services Department and King County Regional Homelessness Authority briefing on Shelter Investments and Rapid Rehousing Program**

Supporting Documents: [Presentation](#)
[Housing and Shelter Funding Summary](#)

Briefing and discussion

Presenters: Tess Colby, Human Services Department; Marc Dones, Chief Executive Officer, King County Regional Homelessness Authority; Jeff Simms, Council Central Staff

E. Adjournment



Legislation Text

File #: CB 120109, Version: 1

CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

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.

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,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new Homelessness and Human Services Fund is created in the City Treasury, effective

immediately, to which revenues may be deposited and from which associated expenditures may be paid, including but not limited to City administration costs for the purposes described in Section 2 of this ordinance.

Section 2. The purpose of the Homelessness and Human Services Fund is to provide homelessness and human services and preventative, primary, mental, and behavioral health care. Services can be provided directly or through contracts and agreements with community-based organizations, non-profit service providers, other governmental entities. Permissible uses include:

- A. Programs to prevent and end homelessness;
- B. Hygiene and daytime services to ameliorate exposure from living unsheltered or experiencing homelessness;
- C. Shelter services, emergency housing, and other supports for those experiencing homelessness;
- D. Financial support to individuals, businesses, non-profits, and community-based organizations to move an individual into housing or maintain housing;
- E. Operations, maintenance, and services funding for programs that provide housing, including supportive housing, to individuals experiencing homelessness;
- F. Case management and other supports for individuals who have exited homelessness;
- G. Outreach and engagement of individuals to connect them with shelter, behavioral health services, mental health services, public benefits, and other services or assistance;
- H. Assistance for people with substance use disorder, behavioral health disorders, or mental health disorders;
- I. Services that increase access to preventative, primary, specialty, and urgent health care;
- J. Services that address current and emerging human services needs;
- K. Services that support positive youth and family development through investments in community safety, youth employment opportunities, mentoring and educational supports, affordable living, and family supports;

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

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

N. Services that address the environmental, economic, and social factors that influence health and well-being among older adults.

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

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

Section 5. All donations to and appropriations from the Fund will be tracked and published quarterly so long as there are active donations to or appropriations from it. The report shall include, at a minimum, information on the names of private donors, restrictions or covenants applied to the City's use of donated funds, information on City planning and outreach processes for the use of donated funds, and information on contracting processes and performance outcomes for all other appropriated funds. The quarterly reports shall be submitted by the City Budget Office to the Mayor and City Council no later than 60 days from the end of the quarter.

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

Passed by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2021, and signed by

me in open session in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2021.

President _____ of the City Council

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

Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

| Department: | Dept. Contact/Phone: | CBO Contact/Phone: |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Legislative | Jeff Simms 206-475-9046 | |

* Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation 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.

Summary and background of the Legislation: The legislation creates a new Homelessness and Human Services Fund to be administered by the Department of Finance and Administrative Services. The fund differs from the existing Human Services Fund in that it can accept donations, gifts, and grants from organizations, corporations, businesses, and individuals, as well as transfers from other City funds as approved by the City Council.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? ___ Yes No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ___ Yes No

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? No

Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation? No

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
Yes, the legislation will create a new fund that could affect multiple departments depending on how deposits into and expenditures from the fund are managed. The financial practices of the Department of Finance and Administrative Services will also be affected to manage this new fund
- b. **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?** No
- c. **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?** No

- d. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?** No
- e. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?** This legislation is unlikely to have an impact on the Race and Social Justice Initiative. However, it establishes a fund that could receive donations and gifts, which could increase the resources for homelessness and human services programs. Many homelessness and human services programs serve vulnerable or historically disadvantaged populations that would benefit from the additional funding for programs.
- f. Climate Change Implications**
- 1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?** No
 - 2. Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle's resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.** No
- 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).** Not applicable.

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.

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11 Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

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14 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

15 (Seal)



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File #: Inf 1854, **Version:** 1

Human Services Department and King County Regional Homelessness Authority briefing on Shelter Investments and Rapid Rehousing Program

2021 HSI Priorities and Collaboration with the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA)

Select Committee on Homelessness Strategies and Investments

July 28, 2021

Items We Will Cover

- 2021 Accomplishments
- 2021 HSI Division Priorities
- Project Updates

2021 Accomplishments

- Opened over 350 safe spaces for people living unsheltered through new locations & reactivated beds that closed during the pandemic.
- Coordinated crisis response services to both winter weather and severe heat.
- Successfully transitioned people from COVID-19 de-intensification shelters to housing or another shelter placement.
- Led systems coordination efforts to expand day center options in Lake City.

2021 HSI Division Priorities

Complete projects
in progress

Collaborate with
KCRHA on projects
that impact
homeless response
strategy

Transition projects
in process for
KCRHA
implementation

Complete Projects in Progress

1. Hotel-based Enhanced Shelter
2. New Safe Spaces

Hotel-Based Enhanced Shelter

Kings Inn Operated by CSC

- Opened in Late March
- 68 clients enrolled
- RRH provided by Chief Seattle Club
- No RRH enrollees
- 2 Total Exits to Housing

Executive Hotel Pacific Operated by LIHI

- Opened in late March
- 160 clients enrolled
- Catholic Community Services is RRH provider
- 82 RRH enrollees and 16 RRH exits

New Safe Spaces - est. 400 by end of 2021

| Project | # Units | Expected Opening |
|--|-----------|-----------------------------|
| Keiro Shelter (new) | 125 units | October |
| Queen Anne Shelter enhanced (reactivate) | 40 units | September |
| Jan & Peter's Place (expansion) | 30 units | October |
| Interbay THV (expansion) | 34 units | October |
| Friendship Heights THV (new) | 50 units | October |
| Rosie's Village THV (new) | 36 units | October |
| Just Care Hotel Program (new) | 89 units | August (until June 2022) |

Collaboration with KCRHA in 2021

- HSD is collaborating with KCRHA on programs that impact homelessness response strategy
- Emergency Housing Vouchers paired with Supportive Services
- Implement ARPA/CLFR funds to expand services (e.g., RRH, Diversion)

King County Regional Homelessness Authority

Service Provider Contracts

- Contracts terms continue through 2022, but are administered by KCRHA
- Full system rebid for 2023

Catalytic Portfolio

- Peer Navigation
- Data quality & By-Name List
- Bridge Housing

Question and Answer





SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL
CENTRAL STAFF

Housing and Shelter Funding Summary

JEFF SIMMS, ANALYST

SELECT COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS STRATEGIES AND INVESTMENTS

JULY 28, 2021

Shelter and Housing Funding

2021 Adopted Budget and Subsequent Actions

| FUNDING SOURCE | DESCRIPTION | PROGRAM TYPE | BEDS/UNITS ADDED | TOTAL FUNDING | Units Operational? |
|--|--|--------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| HOM-008-B-002 | 2 New Tiny Home Villages | Shelter | 80 | \$2,800,000 ² | No |
| HOM-009-B-002 | U District Tiny Home Village | Shelter | 40 | \$1,400,000 ² | No |
| HOM-021-A-001 | Self-Managed Tiny Home Village | Shelter | TBD | \$800,000 ² | No |
| Proposed Budget | 300 Hotel Room Surge (Streets to Housing Pilot) | Shelter | 300 | \$18,007,000 | 220 Beds |
| Proposed Budget | 125 Bed Enhanced Shelter | Shelter | 125 | \$2,750,000 | 60 Beds |
| ORD 126298 as amended by ORD 126375 ¹ | Non-Congregate Shelter (\$3 million also provided for Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion in this bill, which could support hotel sheltering) | Shelter | TBD | \$9,000,000 | No |
| Proposed Budget | Rapid Re-Housing Surge | Housing | 230 | \$8,965,000 | Yes |
| Proposed Budget | Diversion Surge | Housing | 130 | \$687,000 | No |
| TOTAL | | | 905 | \$44,409,000 | |

¹ ORD 126298 passed on March 22, 2021 and became effective April 25, 2021. ORD 126375 passed on June 14, 2021 before any funds were expended.

² On-going funding provided.

Shelter and Housing Funding

American Rescue Plan Act (ORD 126371)

| FUNDING SOURCE | DESCRIPTION | PROGRAM TYPE | BEDS/UNITS ADDED | TOTAL FUNDING | Units Operational? |
|---|---|--------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| American Rescue Plan Act, ORD 126371 ¹ | RFP in Collaboration with County for Hotel Sheltering and Enhanced Outreach | Shelter | TBD | \$7,500,000 | No |
| American Rescue Plan Act, ORD 126371 ¹ | RV Safe Lot and Services | Shelter | 25 | \$500,000 | No |
| American Rescue Plan Act, ORD 126371 ¹ | Tiny Home Villages Expansion | Shelter | TBD | \$400,000 | No |
| American Rescue Plan Act, ORD 126371 ¹ | Permanent Housing Capital Investments and Acquisition | Housing | 300 | \$28,500,000 | No |
| American Rescue Plan Act, ORD 126371 ¹ | Rapid Re-Housing Expansion | Housing | 185 | \$6,700,000 | No |
| American Rescue Plan Act, ORD 126371 ¹ | Diversion Expansion | Housing | 250 | \$1,300,000 | No |
| TOTAL | | | 760 | \$44,900,000 | |

¹ORD 126371 passed on June 21, 2021 and became effective July 22, 2021.

Questions?