SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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* 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 funding policies for the Homelessness Prevention and Housing Stability Services Program funded through the Seattle Housing Levy.

Summary and background of the Legislation:
The Homelessness Prevention and Housing Stability Services Program serves vulnerable families and individuals who are at risk of homelessness or experiencing homelessness. The program addresses housing-related barriers through a combination of housing stabilization support services and financial assistance. An ordinance is requested because this program is funded by the Seattle Housing Levy, which is governed by an Administrative and Financial Plan. Funding through the 2016 Levy will not be available until the Office of Housing completes and Council approves the full Administrative and Financial Plan in the first half of 2017. This would result in a delay to service delivery for the Homelessness Prevention and Housing Stability Services Program, which is contracted annually by the Human Services Department to a diverse network of community agencies. This ordinance will prevent a delay in service delivery by approving the portion of the Administrative and Financial Plan specific to the Homelessness Prevention and Housing Stability Services Program. The full plan will be submitted for approval in 2017 by the Office of Housing.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

____   This legislation creates, funds, or amends a CIP Project.

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

__X__   This legislation does not have direct financial implications.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a) **Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?**
No. The 2016 Seattle Housing Levy has already been approved by the voters.

b) **Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?**
Not implementing this legislation would result in a gap in service delivery of approximately six months.

c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**

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The Office of Housing partners with the Human Services Department to operate the Homelessness Prevention and Housing Stability Services Program. However, neither department will have staffing impacts.

d) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?
No. The Homelessness Prevention and Housing Stability Services Program is a portion of Housing Levy Administrative and Financial Plan and has been reviewed by the Housing Levy Oversight Committee.

e) Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?
No.

f) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?
No.

g) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?
No.

h) Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?
Yes. The Homelessness Prevention and Housing Stability Services Program primarily serves communities of color. Enacting this legislation will prevent a delay in services.

i) If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program's desired goals.
A key outcome measure is ongoing housing stability: the number of households who do not enter or return to homelessness 12 months after assistance to the household ends.

j) Other Issues:

List attachments/exhibits below:
None.

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