

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 related to City finances; creating a fund for depositing donations, gifts, and grants related to The City of Seattle’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic; creating a Budget Summary Level; changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget; declaring an emergency; and establishing an immediate effective date; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

Summary and background of the Legislation:

On March 3, 2020, Mayor Durkan proclaimed the existence of a civil emergency in the City of Seattle due to confirmed cases and deaths from COVID-19 in the Seattle area. The Governor of Washington has closed or limited operations of many businesses and encouraged social distancing as a means of mitigating the pandemic in the City of Seattle. These actions are appropriate and vital for public health reasons, but have severe impacts on small businesses, workers, and people who live in Seattle.

In response to this COVID-19 outbreak and its economic effects, many philanthropic and corporate partners generously wish to donate resources to assist people and businesses in need. Article I, § 1 of the City Charter states that The City of Seattle may accept “gifts and donations of all kinds...and do all acts necessary to carry out the purposes” of the gifts and donations”. Seattle Municipal Code subsection 10.02.030.A contemplates that, during a proclaimed civil emergency, the Mayor may accept “gifts, grants, or loans,” with the Council considering “appropriate legislation” relating to the acceptance.

This legislation:

- 1) Creates a new Fund in the City Treasury for the receipt of gifts, donations and grants to the City to assist in recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, specifically for:
 - Food assistance for persons in need
 - Financial assistance to small businesses
 - Assistance with child care costs
 - Loan guarantees for small businesses or individuals
 - Rent assistance for small businesses or individuals
 - Operating assistance to cultural and non profit organizations
- 2) Creates a new Budget Summary Level to allow City departments to spend from the new Fund for the purposes of assisting in recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic;

- 3) Gives the Executive authority to accept gifts, donations, and grants consistent with the purpose of the Fund without approval by the City Council so as to move the assistance forward in a timely manner;
- 4) Gives appropriation to Finance General, contingent on the receipt of donations, grants, or gifts, so as to quickly deploy this resource;
- 5) Finds that the legislation is necessary to go into immediate effect as is necessary for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? X Yes ___ No

Appropriation change (\$):	General Fund \$		Other \$	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
			\$30,000,000	
Estimated revenue change (\$):	Revenue to General Fund		Revenue to Other Funds	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
			\$30,000,000	
Positions affected:	No. of Positions		Total FTE Change	
	2020	2021	2020	2021

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?

The generous donations of businesses, non-profit organizations, philanthropic organizations and individuals will allow the City to recover more quickly from the COVID-19 emergency than it would otherwise.

Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

This legislation establishes a donation fund to facilitate efficient acceptance and use of private donations for the sake of addressing the COVID-19 emergency. If this legislation is not implemented, there may be fewer resources available to mitigate impacts of the epidemic and improve the near- and long-term well-being of the residents of the City of Seattle and surrounding area.

3.a. Appropriations

X This legislation adds, changes, or deletes appropriations.

Fund Name and number	Dept	Budget Control Level Name/#*	2020 Appropriation Change	2021 Estimated Appropriation Change
COVID-19 Donation Fund	Finance General	COVID-19 Donation	\$30,000,000	
TOTAL			\$30,000,000	

*See budget book to obtain the appropriate Budget Control Level for your department.

Is this change one-time or ongoing?

One-time, contingent on receiving gifts, donations, or grants.

3.b. Revenues/Reimbursements

X This legislation adds, changes, or deletes revenues or reimbursements.

Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from this Legislation:

Fund Name and Number	Dept	Revenue Source	2020 Revenue	2021 Estimated Revenue
COVID-19 Donation Fund	Finance General	Gifts, donations, and grants	\$30,000,000	
TOTAL			\$30,000,000	

Is this change one-time or ongoing?

One-time

3.c. Positions

 This legislation adds, changes, or deletes positions.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

Yes. This legislation will support COVID-19 relief efforts by various City departments.

b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?

No.

d. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No.

e. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No.

f. 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?

Vulnerable and historically disadvantaged communities will be the most heavily impacted by both the health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 epidemic. Facilitating private donations to mitigate these impacts brings resources to bear that might otherwise stay on the sidelines. These resources can be targeted to vulnerable and disadvantaged communities.

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).

N/A

List attachments/exhibits below: