

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 for housing and community development programs; adopting a substantial amendment to The City of Seattle 2019 Annual Action Plan Amendment to the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development and authorizing its submission to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; authorizing acceptance of grant funds from that department for programs and activities included in the Annual Action Plan; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

Summary and background of the Legislation: This legislation adopts a substantial amendment to The City of Seattle 2019 Annual Action Plan of the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan and authorizes its submission to the United states Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This substantial amendment details how the City will spend the approximately \$8.9m of federal funds which have been directly allocated to the City by HUD via the following three grants: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS grant (HOPWA).

The funds have already been allocated through ORD 126074 and ORD 126084. To enter into grant agreements with HUD and receive the funds, jurisdictions have been directed to amend their most current Annual Action Plan. Since the grant agreements for the 2020 Annual Action Plan have not yet been executed, that is the 2019 Annual Action Plan.

Funds have been allocated to the Human Services Department, Office of Housing and Office of Economic Development to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus. These funds will support emergency rental assistance, grant payments to small businesses and meal programs for people experiencing homelessness.

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? ___ Yes X 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?

Not implementing this legislation will cause the City to forgo approximately \$8.9 million in federal assistance that supports services and community development activities for low- and moderate-income persons in Seattle. The City would be faced with reducing or eliminating services and/or using General Fund to provide the services.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

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

This legislation adopts specific plans for use of Federal Funds into law. This affects the following departments: Human Services Department, Office of Housing, Office of Economic Development.

b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

Yes.

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?

Yes.

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?

Programs and activities supported by these funds are specifically intended to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus, and benefit low- and moderate-income and homeless persons and families. In the United States of America, the COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately affected people of color.

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