

**Amendment #1 to
RES 31999 – 2021 Federal COVID Relief Funds**

Sponsor: Councilmember Herbold

Amending subsection 2.G to include investments in gender-based violence response services.

Amend subsection 2.G as follows:

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G. Community wellbeing

1. Investments in essential household needs, such as diapers, for households impacted by the COVID-19 crisis;
2. Services and resources to reduce isolation and address mental health impacts of pandemic-related isolation for seniors; ~~and~~
3. Investments in alternatives to using law enforcement to respond to hate violence and resources to address underlying causes of hate violence, particularly as it relates to hate violence against populations that have been associated with the origins of the virus that causes COVID-19; ~~and~~
4. Investments in gender-based violence response services, including mobile, housing, and culturally specific advocacy, bilingual advocacy services, housing and relocation assistance, advocacy for victim-defendants, emergency financial assistance, civil legal aid, peer support, and systems coordination.

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Effect: This amendment adds investments in gender-based violence response services to the list of activities which may be funded with future federal funding to support COVID-19 relief and recovery efforts.

This funding would be in response to an anticipated 25% reduction in federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding allocated for domestic violence and sexual assault services in 2021 and 2022.