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## **Amendment 2 to CB 120094 - 2021 Cash Assistance**

**Sponsor:** Councilmember Herbold

Modify the intent language to include workers in the creative sector.

Amend Section 1, paragraph 2, of CB 120094 as follows:

Of the funding appropriated to the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (BO-IA-X1N00) Budget Summary Level in the 2021 Adopted Budget, \$25,000,000 shall be used (1) for direct financial assistance to Seattle’s low-income households who have experienced the economic impacts caused by the COVID-19 crisis and those disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 public health crisis, and (2) to advise potential recipients of this temporary financial assistance to ensure it will not impact the recipients’ eligibility for, or result in loss of, any other income-tested benefits. Prior to the expenditure of any funds for direct financial assistance, the Executive will partner with Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) who have a history of trust and success in reaching historically underserved communities, including immigrant and refugee communities, Black, Latinx, and Indigenous communities, and other communities of color, to provide such assistance, and CBOs who have experience and success in reaching artists and other people who work in the creative industry. CBOs will determine eligibility, including criteria to confirm income eligibility, prioritizing those who experience structural or institutional barriers to accessing support from the government (e.g., language barriers, risk of deportation), and those communities who have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 crises, including artists and other people who work in the creative sector. Requests for documentation of eligibility shall comply with Seattle Municipal Code Section 4.18.015, shall not impose an unnecessary burden on those applying for assistance, and shall not unnecessarily delay the approval and distribution process. Undocumented noncitizens and other noncitizens shall be eligible to receive these funds.

<p><b>Effect:</b> This amendment would modify the intent language included in Section 1 of CB 120094 to include artists and other workers in the creative industry as a priority.</p>
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