

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

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1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 127156, which adopted the 2025 Budget; making appropriations from the General Fund for food programs and reserves; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

Summary and Background of the Legislation: On October 1, 2025, the U.S. federal government ‘shut down’ as a result of a lack of appropriations to federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), which administers the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP). SNAP provides vital food assistance to tens of millions of Americans, including tens of thousands of Seattle residents.

This legislation supports the Civil Emergency declared by Mayor Bruce A. Harrell on October 30, 2025 and authorizes \$3 million of spending to help fill the gap left by disappearing SNAP benefits. This action will allow the City to mitigate the impacts of the federal shutdown.

This bill appropriates a total of \$3 million from the General Fund to support the emergency spending by two City departments (the Human Services Department and Office of Sustainability and Environment).

This bill also appropriates \$1 million from the GF to Finance General to create a reserve to mitigate the impact of federal funding reductions or federal policy changes on City and community provided programs. Unspent portions of this appropriation will carry forward into future years until fully spent or abandoned by ordinance. This is in addition to the \$1.06 million appropriated for this purpose in ORD 127362, the 2026 Adopted Budget.

Cash to support the appropriations in this bill was set-aside in non-appropriated reserves as part of the 2026 balanced GF budget.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation have financial impacts to the City? Yes No

Expenditure Change (\$); General Fund	2025	2026 est.	2027 est.	2028 est.	2029 est.
	\$4,000,000				

Expenditure Change (\$); Other Funds	2025	2026 est.	2027 est.	2028 est.	2029 est.

Revenue Change (\$); General Fund	2025	2026 est.	2027 est.	2028 est.	2029 est.

Revenue Change (\$); Other Funds	2025	2026 est.	2027 est.	2028 est.	2029 est.

Number of Positions	2025	2026 est.	2027 est.	2028 est.	2029 est.

Total FTE Change	2025	2026 est.	2027 est.	2028 est.	2029 est.

3.a. Appropriations

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes appropriations.

Fund Name and Number	Dept	Budget Control Level Name/Number	2025 Appropriation Change	2026 Estimated Appropriation Change
General Fund (00100)	HSD	Supporting Affordability and Livability (00100-BO-HS-H1000)	\$2,700,000	
General Fund (00100)	OSE	Office of Sustainability and Environment (00100-BO-SE-X1000)	\$300,000	
General Fund (00100)	FG	General Purpose (00100-BO-FG-2QD00)	\$1,000,000	
TOTAL			\$4,000,000	

Appropriations Notes:

3.c. Positions

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes positions.

3.d. Other Impacts

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle, including direct or indirect, one-time or ongoing costs, that are not included in Sections 3.a through 3.c? If so, please describe these financial impacts.

N/A

If the legislation has costs, but they can be absorbed within existing operations, please describe how those costs can be absorbed. The description should clearly describe if the absorbed costs are achievable because the department had excess resources within their existing budget or if by absorbing these costs the department is deprioritizing other work that would have used these resources.

N/A

Please describe any financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation.
Tens of thousands of Seattle residents may not have had access to food.

Please describe how this legislation may affect any City departments other than the originating department.

The Human Services Department and Office of Sustainability and Environment were the City departments that expended the funds in conjunction with community partners.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

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

No.

c. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No.

d. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative.

i. How does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? How did you arrive at this conclusion? In your response please consider impacts within City government (employees, internal programs) as well as in the broader community.

The Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) primarily provides food benefits to low-income households.

ii. Please attach any Racial Equity Toolkits or other racial equity analyses in the development and/or assessment of the legislation.

N/A

iii. What is the Language Access Plan for any communications to the public?

Individual partner agencies will use their channels to advise their clients of services and opportunities arising from this investment.

e. Climate Change Implications

i. Emissions: How is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way? Please attach any studies or other materials that were used to inform this response.

N/A

ii. Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle's resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.

N/A

f. 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)? What mechanisms will be used to measure progress towards meeting those goals?

N/A

g. Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP project that involves a shared financial commitment with a non-City partner agency or organization?

No.

5. ATTACHMENTS

Summary Attachments: None.