

## **SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE**

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### **1. BILL SUMMARY**

**Legislation Title:** AN ORDINANCE relating to federal funding; authorizing department directors to accept certain grants and passthrough funding in 2025; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

**Summary and Background of the Legislation:** This legislation authorizes City of Seattle department directors to proactively accept federal funding in 2025 instead of waiting months to legally accept said funding under the City’s current legislated grants practice.

In January 2025, over the course of two days, the U.S. federal government announced that it was suspending grant and other funding streams that go to states and municipalities, and then rescinded that suspension.

Given the uncertainty in the climate, the Mayor and City Council believe it is prudent to temporarily authorize department directors to legally accept and bind the federal funding (whether administered directly through a federal agency or as a passthrough via state, county, or regional authority).

Departments will be required to seek authority from the City Budget Director before acceptance. The City Budget Director will consult with the Council President and Chair of the Finance, Native Communities, and Tribal Governments Committee before granting said authority.

At the end of any month where this authority is used, the City Budget Director will provide a list of new federal funding accepted under this authority to the City Council and Council Central Staff.

This authority expires at the end of 2025 unless extended by future ordinance.

### **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

### 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.**

This legislation is designed to avoid a scenario in which federal funding is offered to the City and then rescinded before the City had a chance to legally accept the funding via legislation. It is unknown if that possibility will come to pass, but if it did, this authority could prevent the City from losing committed funding.

### 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. Please describe how this legislation may affect any departments besides the originating department.**

This legislation could potentially affect any City department that receives or could receive federal funding in 2025.

**d. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**

No.

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

N/A

- 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.**
  - ii. **Please attach any Racial Equity Toolkits or other racial equity analyses in the development and/or assessment of the legislation.**
  - iii. **What is the Language Access Plan for any communications to the public?**
- f. **Climate Change Implications**  
N/A
  - 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.**
  - 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.**
- 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)? What mechanisms will be used to measure progress towards meeting those goals?**  
N/A
- h. **Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP project that involves a shared financial commitment with a non-City partner agency or organization?**  
N/A

## 5. ATTACHMENTS

### Summary Attachments: