

## 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 related to the City’s response to the 2020 COVID-19 crisis; amending Ordinance 126000, which adopted the 2020 Budget; accepting funding from non-City sources; changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget; declaring an emergency; and establishing an immediate effective date, all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

**Summary and background of the Legislation:** This legislation is the first of several anticipated bills that accept federal and/or state funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic crisis and response. This bill:

- 1) Makes legislative findings that an emergency ordinance is necessary to accept and appropriate these funds as quickly as possible.
- 2) Accepts federal and state funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic crisis and response, specifically:
  - ~\$2.8 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Emergency Solutions Grants program
  - ~\$425,000 from HUD’s Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program
  - ~\$5 million from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Older Americans Act Program
  - ~\$150,000 from Medicare Title XIX
  - ~\$5.64 million from HUD’s Community Development Block Grant program
- 3) Appropriates the funds accepted, specifically:
  - The ~\$2.8m in HUD Emergency Solutions Grant funding to the Human Services Department:
    - This item will provide \$750,000 in funding to support rental assistance and/or eviction prevention programs targeting households at risk of homelessness.
    - It will also provide \$2,079,807 to support the provision of meals to unsheltered persons or at shelters which have had to modify operations to implement social distancing guidelines provided by Public Health Seattle/King County as a result of COVID-19.
  - The ~\$425,000 in HUD HOPWA funding to the Human Services Department:
    - This item add funds to HSD contracts providing a range of housing options for low-income persons diagnosed with HIV/AIDS who require assistance in maintaining or acquiring appropriate affordable permanent housing. Program services include short term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance, permanent housing placement, and rental assistance. Programs

- also include housing case management and are designed to increase participants' capability to maintain housing and to facilitate progress toward stable, long-term self-sufficient living.
- ~\$5 million in U.S. DSHS Older Americans Act funding to the Human Services Department:
    - These items will support the expansion of existing food delivery programs and a shift in program model from senior congregate meals to home delivery to facilitate appropriate social distancing for this population at higher risk for serious impacts from COVID-19, including individuals housed in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH).
  - ~\$150,000 in Medicaid Title XIX funding to the Human Services Department:
    - Grant funds will provide additional capacity for expedited Medicaid Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) initial assessments, which assist with hospital patients' transitions to another care setting. In addition, funding will provide for care transitions services to non-Medicaid eligible individuals and ongoing community-based support. Services will be provided by HSD case managers and a contracted agency.
  - ~\$4.23 million in HUD CDBG funding to:
    - \$705,025 will support an expanded investment in existing contracts for HSD's Homelessness Prevention programs, which screen clients for risk of homelessness and provide assistance as-needed to households in order to maintain housing and avoid an episode of homelessness.
    - \$705,025 will support an expanded investment in the United Way's HomeBase rental assistance programs for households at risk of eviction and/or homelessness.
    - \$1,410,045 to the Office of Housing's Building Stability Fund to provide rental assistance to non-profit building owners already in the OH portfolio. These agencies already operate under rent caps, but do not have operating subsidies, and thus are dependent on rent payments to sustain basic building operations. Priority would be given to buildings with a disproportionate number of tenants who were unable to pay April rent (low-wage workers as distinct from tenants receiving SSI income) and have the least cushion in their cash flow (e.g. limited access to cash reserves). Through this efficient approach, rent assistance would benefit low income tenants (<60% of AMI) and stabilize non-profit buildings and agencies.
    - \$1,410,045 to the Office of Economic Development's Small Business Stabilization Fund, which supports Seattle's small businesses facing severe financial challenges with payroll, rent, and lost revenue during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.
  - ~\$1.41 million in HUD CDBG is not appropriated in this bill but will be appropriated at a future date.

## 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?  X  Yes \_\_\_ No

Appropriation change (\$):	General Fund \$		Other \$	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
	\$1,410,045	-	\$11,206,888	-
Estimated revenue change (\$):	Revenue to General Fund		Revenue to Other Funds	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
	\$1,410,045	-	\$12,616,933	-
Positions affected:	No. of Positions		Total FTE Change	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
	-	-	-	-

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?  
 No.

**3.a. Appropriations**

X  This legislation adds, changes, or deletes appropriations.

Fund Name and number	Dept	Budget Control Level Name/##*	2020 Appropriation Change	2021 Estimated Appropriation Change
Human Services Fund (16200)	HSD	Addressing Homelessness (BO-HS-H3000)	\$2,829,807	-
Human Services Fund (16200)	HSD	Addressing Homelessness (BO-HS-H3000)	\$426,340	-
Human Services Fund (16200)	HSD	Supporting Affordability & Livability (BO-HS-1000)	\$3,688,563	-

Human Services Fund (16200)	HSD	Promoting Healthy Aging (BO-HS-6000)	\$1,295,414	--
Human Services Fund (16200)	HSD	Promoting Healthy Aging (BO-HS-6000)	\$146,669	-
Human Services Fund (16200)	HSD	Addressing Homelessness (BO-HS-3000)	\$1,410,050	-
Low-Income Housing Fund (16400)	Exec (OH)	Multifamily Housing (BO-HU-3000)	\$1,410,045	-
General Fund (00100)	Exec (OED)	Business Services (BO-ED-X1D00)	\$1,410,045	-
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$12,616,933</b>	-

*\*See budget book to obtain the appropriate Budget Control Level for your department.*

**Is this change one-time or ongoing?**

One-time

**3.b. Revenues/Reimbursements**

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes revenues or reimbursements.

**Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from this Legislation:**

<b>Fund Name and Number</b>	<b>Dept</b>	<b>Revenue Source</b>	<b>2020 Revenue</b>	<b>2021 Estimated Revenue</b>
Human Services Fund (16200)	HSD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Emergency Solutions Grants	\$2,829,807	-
Human Services Fund (16200)	HSD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program	\$426,340	-
Human Services Fund (16200)	HSD	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – Older Americans Act Grant	\$4,983,977	-
Human Services Fund (16200)	HSD	Medicare Title XIX	\$146,669	-
Human Services Fund (16200)	HSD	Community Development Block Grant	\$3,000,000	-
Low-Income Housing Fund (16400)	Exec (OH)	Community Development Block Grant	\$1,140,185	-
General Fund (00100)	Exec (OED)	Community Development Block Grant	\$1,500,000	-
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$14,026,978</b>	<b>-</b>

**Is this change one-time or ongoing?**

One-time

**3.c. Positions**

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes positions.

#### 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**  
This is a revenue acceptance/appropriation bill that impacts multiple City departments, as described above.
- b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**  
No.
- 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?**  
No.
- 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?**  
The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and measures taken to combat it disproportionately impact vulnerable communities, including people of color, immigrant and refugee families, people experiencing homelessness, and people with low incomes. This bill aides the City's ability to mitigate the negative impacts on those communities as well as the community at large.
- 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

**List attachments/exhibits below:**