

# 2021 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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HSD	002	A	002

**Budget Action Title:** Request that HSD carry forward unspent funding for senior congregate meal programs to 2021

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Kshama Sawant

Council Members: Lisa Herbold, Tammy Morales, Debora Juarez, Andrew Lewis, Lorena González

Staff Analyst: Amy Gore

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	TM	LG
	Yes	0									
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**Statement of Legislative Intent:**

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Human Services Department (HSD) carry forward any unspent 2020 funding from the Asian Counseling and Referral Services' (ACRS) Senior Congregate Meals contract into the 2021 Budget for the same purpose.

ACRS acts as fiscal sponsor for nine Senior programs: the Vietnamese Senior Association, Lao Senior Association, Hmong Senior Association, Seattle Korean Elder Association, Korean Senior Club, Duoc Su Temple, Kent Bhutanese Group, Samoan Wellness Group, and Club Bamboo. The 2020 Adopted Budget included \$402,142 contracted to ACRS to support congregate meals and certain cultural activities for the seniors served by these programs. However due to the social distancing required by COVID-19, many of those funds could not be used for their intended purpose. This SLI would request that HSD (1) carry forward any unspent funds from the 2020 contract as part of the 2020 Carry Forward Ordinance and (2) use these funds to supplement the ACRS Senior Congregate Meal programs contract in 2021, currently funded at \$393,289.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):**

Finance & Housing

**Date Due to Council:**