

CITY OF SEATTLE
ORDINANCE 126211
COUNCIL BILL 119911

AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 126000, which adopted the 2020 Budget; repealing Ordinance 126149; making appropriations from the Emergency Fund and General Fund for public assistance during the COVID-19 civil emergency; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Ordinance 126149 is repealed.

Section 2. In order to pay for expenses and obligations to eliminate or lessen the immediate threats to lives, public health, and safety resulting from the COVID-19 epidemic and to address the economic impacts caused by the COVID-19 epidemic that could not have been anticipated at the time of making the 2020 Budget, appropriations for the following items in the 2020 Budget are increased from the funds shown, as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Budget Summary Level/BCL Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2.1	Finance General	Emergency Fund (10102)	Appropriation to Special Funds (10102-BO-FG-2QA00)	\$19,852,567
2.2	Executive (Office of Economic Development)	General Fund (00100)	Business Services (00100-BO-ED-X1D00)	\$2,700,000
2.3	Department of Education and Early Learning	General Fund (00100)	Early Learning (00100-BO-EE-IL100)	\$2,400,000
2.4	Human Services Department	General Fund (00100)	Addressing Homelessness (00100-BO-HS-H3000)	\$3,000,000
2.5	Executive (Office of Housing)	General Fund (00100)	Homeownership & Sustainability (00100-BO-HU-2000)	\$350,000
2.6	Executive (Office of Immigrant and	General Fund (00100)	Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (00100-BO-IA-X1N00)	\$9,000,000

	Refugee Affairs)			
2.7	Executive (Office of Sustainability & Environment)	General Fund (00100)	Office of Sustainability and Environment (00100-BO-SE-X1000)	\$5,600,000
2.8	Finance and Administrative Services	General Fund (00100)	Finance and Administrative Services (City Finance (00100-BO-FA-CITYFINAN)	\$200,000
Grand Total				\$43,102,567

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Unspent funds so appropriated shall carry forward to subsequent fiscal years until they are exhausted or abandoned by ordinance.

Section 2. The appropriations in Section 1 of this ordinance shall be subject to the following provisos:

A. Of the funding appropriated to the Office of Economic Development’s Business Services (BO-ED-X1D00) Budget Summary Level in the 2020 Adopted Budget, \$2.7 million of the funds shall be used to address the economic hardship small business owners and their employees, and nonprofit organizations and their employees, experience due to loss of business income, grant funding reductions, layoffs and reduced work hours for a significant percentage of this workforce as a result of the COVID-19 crisis and may be used for no other purpose. The Council intends that this funding will be allocated as follows:

1. \$2.5 million to provide financial assistance to small business owners or operators and nonprofit organizations, with preference to brick and mortar small businesses, that would be used to reduce the economic hardship caused by COVID-19 crisis and assist small businesses and nonprofit organizations to comply with public health guidelines, thereby protecting the local economy by

1 reducing the number of businesses or nonprofits that are permanently closed and
2 jobs permanently lost due to the short- and long-term economic impacts caused
3 by COVID-19.

4 2. \$200,000 to provide training, referral services, and technical assistance to
5 support businesses, including assistance in preparing applications for federal or
6 state loans or grants that provide direct financial assistance to small businesses
7 to prepare such businesses for the road to recovery.

8 3. The Council further intends that:

9 a. Up to \$10,000 in financial assistance may be provided to any single eligible
10 small business owner or nonprofit organization under this proviso.

11 b. Assistance should be prioritized for businesses and nonprofit organizations
12 who commit to not reducing wages and benefits provided prior to the
13 COVID-19 emergency, and for business and nonprofit organizations who
14 have historically, or recently, been unable to access other forms of
15 assistance through state or federal programs available to support businesses,
16 including businesses owned by Black, Indigenous, and people of color and
17 those with limited English proficiency, and businesses in the creative
18 industry. Any awards to those in the creative industry should be made in
19 partnership with advocates in the creative industry sphere.

20 c. For purposes of this proviso, an eligible “small business” is defined as a
21 business with 25 or fewer full time equivalent employees (FTEs) and an
22 eligible “nonprofit organization” is a nonprofit with 25 or fewer FTEs that

1 provides community services that protect or enhance the health, safety,
2 environment, or general welfare of people who live or work in Seattle.

3 d. The Executive should develop eligibility criteria for small businesses who
4 have been economically impacted by the COVID-19 crisis and for whom
5 such assistance will provide economic benefits to the public by saving or
6 creating jobs, moderating impacts to local tax revenue by supporting
7 continue operations of small businesses and ensuring that businesses can
8 modify operations as necessary to comply with public health guidance.
9 Criteria should include consideration of equitably distributing financial
10 assistance to small businesses and nonprofit organizations located in
11 neighborhoods across Seattle. Further, businesses that have previously
12 received financial assistance from the City's Small Business Stabilization
13 Fund are not eligible for additional assistance.

14 B. Of the funding appropriated to the Department of Education and Early Learning's
15 Early Learning (BO-EE-IL100) Budget Summary Level in the 2020 Adopted Budget,
16 \$2.4 million of the funds shall be used to address the economic hardship child care
17 providers and their employees experience due to loss of income, layoffs and reduced
18 work hours for a significant percentage of this workforce as a result of the COVID-19
19 crisis and may be used for no other purpose. The Council intends that:

- 20 1. Up to \$10,000 in financial assistance may be provided to (1) any single eligible
21 family child care provider and (2) other licensed child care providers that adhere
22 to labor laws and has a commitment to labor harmony, under this proviso.

1 2. Up to \$500 in financial assistance may be provided to any single eligible
2 family, friends, and neighbors (FFN) child care provider under this proviso.

3 3. Assistance should be prioritized for child care providers who commit to not
4 reducing wages and benefits provided prior to the COVID-19 emergency, and
5 for providers who have historically, or recently, been unable to access other
6 forms of assistance through state or federal programs available to support
7 businesses.

8 4. For purposes of this ordinance (1) family child care is generally defined as
9 licensed child care for mixed-age children and youth (0-12 years) provided by
10 individuals operating in residential homes; and (2) FFN child care is generally
11 defined as an individual who is exempt from child care licensing requirements
12 and provides in-home child care. FFN providers include grandparents, aunts and
13 uncles, elders, older siblings, friends, neighbors, and others who help families
14 by providing child care.

15 5. The Executive should develop eligibility criteria for child care providers who
16 have been economically impacted by the COVID-19 crisis and for whom such
17 assistance will provide economic benefits to the public by saving or creating
18 jobs, providing essential child care services as people return to work, and
19 ensuring that child care providers can modify operations as necessary to comply
20 with public health guidance.

21 C. Of the funding appropriated to the Human Services Department's Addressing
22 Homelessness (BO-HS-H3000) Budget Summary Level in the 2020 Adopted Budget,
23 \$3 million of the funds shall be used to address housing insecurity by supporting the

1 ongoing service and operation costs of shelter providers. Eligible service and operating
2 costs can include, but are not limited to: personal protective equipment, overtime or
3 premium pay for staff, food service, or cleaning supplies.

4 D. Of the funding appropriated to the Office of Housing's Homeownership &
5 Sustainability (BO-HU-2000) Budget Summary Level in the 2020 Adopted Budget,
6 \$350,000 of the funds shall be used for mortgage counseling and foreclosure prevention
7 programs, including costs for housing counselors, legal aid, service coordination, and
8 direct financial assistance. The Council intends that the City will partner with CBOs
9 that have a history of trust and success in reaching low-income communities, including
10 experience reaching those who are traditionally marginalized or typically face barriers
11 to enrolling in assistance programs, such as, but not limited to, language barriers, and
12 other historically marginalized communities.

13 E. Of the funding appropriated to the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs' (BO-IA-
14 X1N00) Budget Summary Level in the 2020 Adopted Budget, \$9.0 million shall be for
15 any or all of the following: (1) direct financial assistance to Seattle's low-income
16 immigrant and refugee workers and households who have experienced the economic
17 impacts caused by the COVID-19 crisis, (2) to advise potential recipients of this
18 temporary financial assistance to ensure it will not impact the recipients eligibility for,
19 or result in loss of, any other income-tested benefits, and (3) programs and services that
20 provide language access support for low-income people who need help accessing and
21 understanding federal, state and local assistance programs; and may be used for no
22 other purpose. The Council intends the following:

- 1 1. Prior to the expenditure of any funds for direct financial assistance, the
2 Executive will partner with CBOs who have a history of trust and success in
3 reaching immigrant and refugee communities to provide such assistance,
4 such as the organizations who worked with the City to distribute emergency
5 grocery vouchers.
- 6 2 Assistance should include direct cash assistance, including pre-paid debit or
7 credit cards, or other services to assist with basic living expenses. The
8 maximum amount of financial assistance provided per individual will not
9 exceed \$1,000.
- 10 3. CBOs will determine the eligibility, including criteria to confirm income
11 eligibility, prioritizing those who experience structural or institutional
12 barriers to accessing support from the government (e.g. language barriers,
13 risk of deportation), are ineligible for other federal or state emergency
14 assistance, or are receiving such assistance in a limited or delayed manner
15 that does not meet their needs, or those who have had or whose families have
16 had adverse health impacts from COVID. Requests for documentation of
17 eligibility should comply with Seattle Municipal Code Section 4.18.015,
18 should not impose an unnecessary burden on those applying for assistance,
19 and should not unnecessarily delay the approval and distribution process.

20 G. Of the funding appropriated to the Office of Sustainability and Environment’s Office
21 of Sustainability and Environment (BO-SE-X1000) Budget Summary Level in the 2020
22 Adopted Budget, \$5.6 million shall be used to continue and expand the Emergency
23 Grocery Voucher program to allow more people participating in existing City programs

1 to be served by this program and may be used for no other purpose. Existing City
2 programs include, but are not limited to: Fresh Bucks, Utility Discount Program, Early
3 Childhood Education and Assistance Program, Child Care Assistance Program, and the
4 portion of the Seattle Preschool Program and the Pathway to Seattle Preschool Program
5 that provide services to households that qualify for free tuition.

6 The Council intends that vouchers will be made available for use at grocery stores
7 participating in the existing Emergency Grocery Voucher program and expanded to
8 include other community grocers and farmers markets. The Council intends that the
9 Executive will work with CBOs that currently enroll people in the Fresh Bucks
10 program to expand the use of vouchers by identifying culturally appropriate
11 neighborhood grocers to participate in the voucher program.

12 H. Of the funding appropriated to the Department of Finance and Administrative Services
13 (FAS) City Finance (BO-FA-CITYFINAN) Budget Summary Level in the 2020
14 Adopted Budget, \$200,000 shall be used to implement and administer the payroll tax
15 authorized in Ordinance 126108. This will ensure that proceeds from the payroll tax are
16 collected and available to extend funding in 2021 for the COVID relief programs and
17 services described in this ordinance and to replenish the Emergency Fund.

18 Section 3. Any action consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken prior to its
19 effective date is ratified and confirmed.

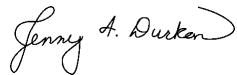
1 Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by
2 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it
3 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

4 Passed by the City Council the 23rd day of November, 2020,
5 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 23rd day of
6 November, 2020.



7 _____
8 President _____ of the City Council

9 Approved by me this 1st day of December, 2020.



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11 Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

12 Filed by me this 1st day of December, 2020.



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14 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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