

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: A RESOLUTION identifying the City Council’s priorities to maximize local use of future federal funding to support COVID-19 relief and recovery efforts.

Summary and background of the Legislation: On March 10, 2021, the U.S. Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to provide \$1.9 trillion for COVID relief programs nationally, including direct aid for cities and counties, and aid for targeted programs (e.g., rental assistance, homelessness service investments, and restaurant grants). Of the amount allocated for local governments, Seattle is expected to receive about \$239 million (of which it will receive about 50 percent in 2021) in direct aid that can be used to: respond to or mitigate the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 or its negative economic impacts; provide premium pay for employees of the City or other eligible employers who perform essential work; replace decreased revenues due to such emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year; or make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

This resolution would identify the Council’s priorities for this federal funding, based on priorities previously identified by Council through the 2020 Budget Revisions, Jump Start COVID Relief Plan, and the 2021 Adopted Budget. Development of the resolution included the following considerations: a need to begin pivoting the City’s efforts from acute emergency relief to long-term economic and community recovery; the potential to leverage other programs and partners; and a recognition of the City’s capacity constraints that limit its ability to deliver services. The spending priorities are guided by the principles of equity (prioritizing investments for those most impacted by COVID); coordination (ensuring that investments are coordinated with other entities to address gaps in service provision); flexibility (being nimble and prepared to respond as needed); and resilience (guarding against future uncertainty and positioning the City to make new investments as per Resolution 31957 – Jump Start Spending Plan). The priorities are grouped within the following categories:

- Vaccines and testing
- Food assistance
- Homelessness and housing services, including rental assistance
- Immigrant and refugee support
- Child care
- Small businesses, worker assistance, and workforce recovery
- Community wellness
- Transportation
- Revenue replacement and financial resilience

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? ___ Yes X No

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.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

If federal funding is allocated as described in the resolution, a multitude of departments and offices (including but not limited to the Human Services Department, Office of Sustainability and Environment, Office of Economic Development, Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, and the Department of Education and Early Learning) would be involved in either providing services directly to residents or contracting with partner organizations to provide services.

b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

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

No.

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. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?

This resolution would identify how the Council intends to appropriate future federal funding, which will prioritize Latinx and BIPOC populations, who have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID pandemic. Short- and longer-term investments that prioritize these populations will help to address underlying systemic racial inequities, with the ultimate goal of emerging from the economic and public health crisis with a more equitable local economy.

f. Climate Change Implications

1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?

No.

2. 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.

No.

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).

Not applicable.

List attachments/exhibits below:

None.