

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 COVID-19 crisis; amending Ordinance 126237, which adopted the 2021 Budget; changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget; imposing provisos; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts, all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

Summary and background of the Legislation: In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic public health emergency and resulting economic downturn, giving people in Seattle direct cash assistance can immediately provide flexible relief that they can use toward whatever best addresses their needs. Because not every household faces the same challenges, this flexibility is beneficial in making the assistance provided by the City most effective.

This bill appropriates \$25 million of General Fund to the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (OIRA). OIRA previously contracted with a CBO to establish the Seattle Disaster Relief Fund and pay out cash assistance awards to immigrants and refugees who were not eligible for federal relief checks and unemployment insurance. This new appropriation would allow OIRA to contract with additional CBOs to run a new round of applications and awards that prior recipients would be eligible to apply for again as well as new applicants. While the first round of relief targeted exclusively immigrant and refugee families, this round will be open to all low-income families of Seattle, with an emphasis on communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, including immigrant and refugee families and by Black, Latinx, Indigenous, and other communities of color, and workers in the creative industry.

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 \$	
	2021	2022	2021	2022
	\$25,000,000			
Estimated revenue change (\$):	Revenue to General Fund		Revenue to Other Funds	
	2021	2022	2021	2022

Positions affected:	No. of Positions		Total FTE Change	
	2021	2022	2021	2022

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?
 Strategic deployment of assistance will allow Seattle to rebound and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic downturn. This is likely to result in higher City tax revenues than if these funds are not accepted and appropriated.

Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?
 No.

3.a. Appropriations

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes appropriations.

Fund Name and number	Dept	Budget Control Level Name/#*	2021 Appropriation Change	2022 Estimated Appropriation Change
General Fund (00100)	OIRA	Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (BO-IA-X1N00)	\$25,000,000	
TOTAL			\$25,000,000	

*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.

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 budget bill will provide additional appropriations to the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.

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 legislation would provide cash assistance to those who have been hardest hit by the pandemic. This flexible aid will improve their ability to survive the pandemic and to make it through in a stronger position than they would without it.

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).

N/A

List attachments/exhibits below: