

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 amending Ordinance 126237, which adopted the 2021 Budget; changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget; lifting provisos; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Summary and background of the Legislation: This legislation lifts two budget provisos placed on funds in Finance General pending the recommendations of the Equitable Communities Initiative Task Force (FG 003-B-002). The 2021 Adopted Budget includes approximately \$30 million to support these efforts. Council adopted two provisos on these funds which state:

“Of the appropriation in the 2021 budget for Finance General Reserves, \$29,500,000 is appropriated solely to fund the Equitable Communities Initiative and actions recommended to the City by the Equitable Communities Task Force and may be spent for no other purpose. Furthermore, none of the money so appropriated may be spent until authorized by future ordinance. The Council anticipates that such authority will not be granted until the Executive submits to the Council a plan for spending the funds that describes how the allocations were informed. The Council expects that there will be alignment between the Task Force and the Participatory Budgeting process to ensure that investments are coordinated.”

“Of the appropriation in the 2021 budget for Finance General Reserves, \$400,000 is appropriated solely to fund develop a robust facilitation process and convene community for the purpose of providing recommendations for the Equitable Communities Initiative and may be spent for no other purpose.”

The Equitable Communities Initiative Task Force released its recommendations for the use of these funds on June 3, 2021 and this legislation reflects their recommendations. Namely:

- \$9,700,000 for the Office of Economic Development for business financing support and technical assistance for small and micro businesses, including those impacted by COVID-19 and prioritizing those with inequitable access to capital, and to create pathways for youth to explore and enter the healthcare field and create opportunities to increase access, advancement, and retention of BIPOC workers in professional jobs in healthcare.
- \$1,000,000 for Finance and Administrative Services to provide technical assistance for women and minority owned businesses (WMBE) to prepare for doing business with the City, offer wrap-around services to support construction apprenticeship training, and support retention of BIPOC apprentices and journey workers.
- \$1,500,000 for the Human Services Department to connect formerly incarcerated BIPOC with meaningful employment pathways, including support services, culturally responsive education, and technical and academic programs.

- \$4,000,000 for the Department of Education and Early Learning to advance equity in education through culturally specific and responsive programming and curriculum development, family support and engagement, and teacher accreditation and retention supports.
- \$2,000,000 for the Office of Arts and Culture for cultural education for youth and families, including programs both inside and outside of school and awards for youth who want to engage in arts and culture on their own terms.
- \$1,800,000 for the Department of Neighborhoods to develop generational wealth resources, including financial education and a web portal for education, information, and support on financial issues.
- \$1,375,000 for the Office of Housing to provide homeownership resources related to stabilization and property development assistance, to study the feasibility of scalable lease-to-own program, and to identify potential housing strategies and supports for apprenticed and pre-apprenticed occupations.
- \$4,625,000 to the Office of Housing to provide homeownership supports, including capital for affordable homeownership development and targeted outreach to BIPOC households for ownership opportunities and homebuyer readiness activities.
- \$750,000 for the Department of Neighborhoods to increase access to healthy food options for BIPOC communities through the Healthy Food Fund.
- \$550,000 for the Office of Sustainability and Environment to advance environmental sustainability through community-led projects through the Environmental Justice Fund.
- \$200,000 for the Human Services Department to increase access to nutrition education, healthy food, and local farms for youth in lower-income households through the Farm to Table program.
- \$2,500,000 for the Human Services Department to increase access to appropriate, desired, impactful health care for communities of color and provide innovative and alternative ways to achieve health and healing.

Appropriations in the 2021 Adopted Budget are modified to allocate reserves in the Finance General Department to Departments listed above. The reserve in Finance General is \$30 million, however appropriations for the Department of Finance and Administrative Services, Office of Arts and Culture and Office of Housing are double-appropriated. There are \$9 million of remaining appropriations in Finance General to transfer General Funds to these proprietary Funds.

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

Please see the bill text for BCL and Fund information. Descriptions for each item are above.

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?
Yes, this legislation increases appropriations in eight City departments to carry out the recommendations of the Equitable Communities Initiative Task Force.

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?

The community-led ECI Task Force recommended investments that begin to address generations of systemic and government sanctioned racism and oppression against communities of color. These investments are targeted towards improving outcomes for the Black, Indigenous, and people of color communities where disparate treatment and impacts are evident. The investments target four priority areas identified by the Task Force: Health, Education, Business, and Housing.

Each targeted programmatic investment explicitly focuses on increasing racial equity and has outcomes to monitor and measure success. Many of the investments will be implemented by a Request-for-Proposals (RFP) or similar type of award or contract. Each department will center the needs of community as they design, issue, and review the RFP to reduce barriers to access and will prioritize or otherwise focus investments on reaching affected communities of color.

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).**

As a package, these investments are intended to begin to address systemic, historical underinvestment in communities of color in Seattle and the resulting disparities. Many of these investments involve either creating a new program or an expansion of an existing program. For each investment, City departments have identified specific outcomes to monitor and measure success – see Summary Attachment A.

List attachments/exhibits below:

Summary Attachment A – Equitable Communities Initiative Task Force Recommendations