



Snohomish County Council

Committee: LJHS
ECAF: 21-0107
Proposal: Ord. 21-019

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Date: April 9, 2021

Consideration

The Executive’s Office requests Council consider approving proposed substitute Emergency Ordinance 21-019 which would approve and authorize a supplemental budget appropriation in Human Services Fund 124 to provide expenditure authority for rental and utility assistance.

Background

On March 3, 2021, the County submitted a grant application for Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance (T-RAP) Funding. These grant funds are from the Federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, and are intended to prevent evictions by providing payments for rental and utility assistance to households who have experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 outbreak and are at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability.

On March 26, 2021, the Executive’s Office approved grant agreement 21-4616C-124 with the Washington State Department of Commerce for receipt of a \$33,065,517 award under the authority given pursuant to [SCC 2.36.040\(3\)\(b\)](#). The grant is divided into the following budget categories: Administration and Operations at \$4,198,335; Rent and Utilities at \$27,289,348; and By & For Sub-Contract at \$1,577,834. Human Services will retain \$40,000 of the allocation to Administration and Operations for overhead related to contract management and fund distribution and the remainder of the administration and operations funds will go to the county’s sub-contractors.

Attachment A of the agreement describes the scope of work and defines the distribution criteria and performance measurement requirements. Eligible households must have an income at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI), be experiencing a financial hardship directly or indirectly due to the COVID-19 outbreak that threatens the household’s ability to pay the costs of the rental property when due and at risk of experiencing homelessness or currently experiencing housing instability; those with an income that is at or below 50% of the AMI or with one or more household individual who is unemployed or have been unemployed 90 days before the application date shall be prioritized.

This grant was not anticipated in the 2021 budget and therefore, additional expenditure authority is necessary to receive and expend the funds from Human Services Fund 124.

Current Proposal

Scope: Emergency Ordinance 21-019 approves a supplemental appropriation in Fund 124 of \$33,065,517 for budget year 2021. The appropriation details are:

DAC	Expenditure	Revenue
124-504461563101 Disaster Supplies	\$25,000	

124-504461564101 Disaster Response	\$13,000	
124-504461564201 Disaster Communication	\$2,000	
124-520020564105 P.T T-RAP	\$33,025,517	
124-304461561023 T-RAP Ind Fed		\$40,000
124-320020561023 P.T. T-RAP Rev Ind Fed		\$33,025,517
TOTAL	\$33,065,517	\$33,065,517

Duration: 2021 Budget Year

Fiscal Implications: \$33,065,517 in supplemental appropriation

2021 Budget: NO

Future Budget Impacts: N/A

Handling: URGENT

Approved-as-to-form: YES

Risk Management: APPROVE

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE.

Analysis: [Snohomish County Charter Section 6.85](#) authorizes the Council to adopt Emergency Appropriations. The Emergency Ordinance 2021-0107 is justified under Charter Section 6.85.

Attachments: Grant Agreement 21-4616C-124

Amendments: NONE

Request: Assign to COW and place on the COW agenda at Admin on April 12, 2021 for Council to consider taking action.