

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

ORDINANCE NO. 21-___

RELATED TO THE 2021 BUDGET; MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN
GRANT CONTROL FUND 130 TO PROVIDE EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY FOR
UNANTICIPATED COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONTINUING RESPONSE TO THE
COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020, the Washington State Department of Health confirmed the first reported case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States in Snohomish County, Washington. COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person;

WHEREAS, since January 21, 2020, the disease has spread throughout the United States. On January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning January 27, 2020. On February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee proclaimed a public health emergency for COVID-19. On March 4, 2020, the Snohomish County Health Officer proclaimed a countywide public health emergency for COVID-19. On March 4, 2020, Executive Dave Somers issued a "Local Proclamation of Emergency Snohomish County" for COVID-19 (the "Emergency"). On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared COVID-19 a National Emergency;

WHEREAS, since March 2020, the County has been responding to the pandemic, providing funds for public health and medical response, economic stabilization, human services, and essential government services; and

WHEREAS, the need for these services during the COVID-19 pandemic is ongoing.

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. The County Council makes the following findings of fact: An emergency appropriation in the amount of \$2,012,342 is necessary in Grant Control Fund 130 for budget year 2021 to provide expenditure authority for unanticipated costs associated with the continuing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 2. The appropriation unit and allocation detail for the emergency appropriation described in Section 1 are as follows:

EXPENDITURE:

130 Grant Control

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2 130.57404504564101 Pub Health Med Res – DEM Childcare \$2,012,342

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4 **Total Fund 130 Emergency Appropriation: \$2,012,342**

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6 REVENUE:

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8 130 Grant Control

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10 130.37416156111 Grant Investment Interest \$20,535

11 130.374161560800 Fund Balance \$ 1,991,807

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13 **Total Fund 130 Revenue: \$ 2,012,342**

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16 Section 3. The County Council finds as a fact that there is need for additional expenditure
17 authority to pay for unanticipated costs associated with the continuing response to the COVID-19
18 pandemic. The need for this appropriation was not known and could not have been determined
19 prior to the adoption of the 2021 budget. The County Council therefore finds that the need for the
20 appropriation authorized by this ordinance constitutes a public emergency that could not
21 reasonably have been foreseen at the time of budget approval and appropriation for the year 2021
22 and hereby authorizes the appropriation.

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25 PASSED this ___ day of _____, 2021.

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28 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
29 Snohomish County, Washington

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County Executive

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Approved as to form only:

/s/ Rebecca E. Wendling 3.25.21
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney