Committee of the Whole

Jim Martin

Council Initiated:
☐Yes
☒No

ECAF: 2026-1228
Ordinance: 26-022

Type:
☐Contract
☐Board Appt.
☐Code Amendment
☒Budget Action
☐Other

Requested Handling:
☒Normal
☐Expedite
☐Urgent

Fund Source:
☐General Fund
☒Other
☐N/A

Executive Rec:
☒Approve
☐Do Not Approve
☐N/A

Approved as to Form:
☐Yes
☒No
☐N/A

Subject: Relating to the 2025-2026 budget, making an emergency appropriation in Fund 100 to increase expenditure authority for the Prosecuting Attorney to cover unanticipated loss of revenue.

Scope: The proposed ordinance provides emergency budget appropriation in Special Revenue Fund 100 in the amount of $140,000.

Duration: N/A

Fiscal Impact: ☒**Current Year** ☐**Multi-Year** ☐**N/A**

Expenditures	Current Year	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
100.507315191011	$98,000					**$98,000**
100.507315192013	$42,000					**$42,000**
Total's	**$140,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**$140,000**

Revenue	Current Year	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
100.307315190800	$140,000					**$140,000**
Total's	**$140,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**$140,000**

Authority Granted: N/A

Background: Fund 118 is comprised of revenue from fines/fees assessed on individuals convicted of crimes. Changes to state laws have resulted in a reduction in revenue to this fund. During the 2026 Legislative Session, funding for Victim Witness Advocate work was provided in the amount of $5M for Fiscal Year 2027 to help fill this funding gap.[1] Funding should be available to jurisdictions around July 1st, the start of the States fiscal year. There is currently insufficient funds in Fund 118 to cover the cost of the existing FTE. While funding is anticipated, the Prosecuting Attorney's office is requesting additional appropriation authority under Fund 100 to fund existing Victim Witness Advocates budgeted in the County's 2025-2026 Biennial Budget as a contingency plan should funding not be received or at the necessary level. In speaking with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, should the funding come through in Fund 118, the appropriation authority granted under this Ordinance will not be used.

The submitted ordinance utilized an incorrect account code for the revenue portion of the allocation. The correct account code, listed in this staff report, is requested to replace the incorrect code on the ordinance.

Requested Action: For Council to consider taking action.

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[1]WA State Supplemental Operating Budget – SB 5998 – Page 51, line 1-4