

A RESOLUTION relating to the establishment of an emergency human services program for the provision of emergency shelter, emergency food, and primary health care services for low income residents of Seattle.

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RESOLUTION 27029

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2 A RESOLUTION relating to the establishment of an emergency human services
3 program for the provision of emergency shelter, emergency food, and primary
4 health care services for low income residents of Seattle.

5 WHEREAS, the numbers of unemployed persons, the costs of food, shelter, and health
6 care, and the need for emergency food, emergency shelter, and low-cost health
7 care services in Seattle have all increased markedly in recent years; and

8 WHEREAS, resources available to assist in the provision of such services to low
9 income persons are expected to decline in 1984; and

10 WHEREAS, the government of the United States has authorized financial assistance
11 to cities at current levels under the General Revenue Sharing program through
12 fiscal year 1984, and the Congress is considering legislation that would increase
13 funding under the GRS program; and

14 WHEREAS, such increases are likely to be authorized in fiscal years 1985 and 1986
15 and could yet occur in fiscal year 1984; and

16 WHEREAS, the Mayor's 1984 Proposed Budget does not assume an increase in the
17 General Revenue Sharing program; Now, Therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE
19 MAYOR CONCURRING:

20 That the City of Seattle will establish an Emergency Human Services program
21 to meet critical needs for emergency shelter, emergency food, and primary health
22 care services in Seattle. The sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) will
23 be allocated to this program for expenditure in 1984. Any increase, up to \$500,000,
24 received by the City in 1984 under the General Revenue Sharing program; above the
25 1984 Proposed Budget level of \$9,800,000, will be dedicated to the Emergency Human
26 Services program. If the City receives no increase or an increase of less than
27 \$500,000 in 1984 under the General Revenue Sharing program, General Fund revenues
28 will be dedicated in an amount necessary to provide an allocation of \$500,000 to the
Emergency Human Services program in 1984.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That funds made available under the Emergency Human Services program will
be allocated consistent with the process, schedule, and policies described in the
attachments to this resolution.

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ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Seattle the ____ day of _____,
1983, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this ____
day of _____, 1983.

President of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

Charles Royer, Mayor

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 1983.

ATTEST: _____
City Comptroller and City Clerk

BY: _____
Deputy

City of Seattle

Executive Department-Office of Management and Budget

Gary Zarker, Director
Charles Royer, Mayor



MEMORANDUM

Date: November 9, 1983

To: Honorable Jeanette Williams

From: Gary Zarker *GZ*

Subject: Emergency Human Services Program

In his letter to you of November 4, 1983, Mayor Royer requested that the Council consider an appropriation from the General Fund to support the provision of emergency shelter, emergency food, and health care services during 1984. As the Mayor indicated, we had hoped that an increased allocation to the City under the General Revenue Sharing program would offer a new source of funds for emergency services. Very recent developments in Congress indicate that the possibility of a 1984 increase has diminished, though increases in fiscal years 1985 and 1986 are considered likely.

Because emergency service needs in Seattle have grown substantially in recent years and are expected to become even more severe in 1984, the Mayor is now proposing that, for one year, the City use General Fund resources to support emergency services, principally to maintain current service levels until the additional revenue sharing funding is available. This memorandum describes the changes in the 1984 proposed budget which will be required to create a \$500,000 Emergency Human Services program. At the Mayor's request, we have prepared for the Council's consideration and approval a draft resolution authorizing the program and adopting a process, schedule, and policies to guide the allocation of funds to particular service programs. The resolution makes no commitment beyond 1984. We are confident General Revenue Sharing increases will be available to sustain the program in future years. However, if the revenue sharing increases are not approved by the Congress and President, we will work with Council to find other suitable funding to support these important programs. Such funding sources could include new state or federal grants, additional CDBG moneys, or other similar funds.

Source of Funds

We propose that \$500,000 from the 1983 year-end General Fund fund balance be used for this purpose. The proposed budget would be changed to reduce the Emergency Fund contribution from the December 31, 1983 estimated General Fund fund balance, from \$2,005,744 to \$1,505,744 (page 17, as amended by the Council on October 27, 1983). The use of fund balance would increase, correspondingly, from \$430,423 to \$930,423. The \$500,000 would be transferred to a Finance General account designated as "Reserve for Emergency Human Services Program." Once allocation decisions were made, funds would be transferred from Finance General to the appropriate departmental operating funds. The departments, Health and Human Resources, would contract with agencies selected for funding and administer the program. Should a General Revenue Sharing increase be enacted for 1984, the City's increase would be used to reimburse the General Fund.

Honorable Jeanette Williams
November 9, 1983
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Process and Schedule

In the attachment to the draft resolution, we have outlined an allocation process that would follow the traditional Community Development Block Grant model but with an accelerated schedule. Because certain sources of support for emergency services, especially for emergency shelter, are likely to be exhausted by that time, the proposed schedule is designed to produce final allocation decisions in early February. It assumes that the Council acts on the process and allocation policies simultaneously with its action on funding, i.e., with adoption of the 1984 budget. OMB would prepare to issue a request for proposals as soon as Council decisions are final. Allowing a relatively short time for proposal preparation and review, allocation recommendations would be submitted to the Council in mid-January.

Allocation Policies

The proposed policies reflect the direction of City human services policy in recent years, in particular, the CDBG emphasis on "survival services." They are intended also to respond to a current conditions: a high level of need for those essential services coupled with an impending loss of service capacity. The policies focus, therefore, on maintaining existing levels of direct food, shelter, and health services through a service system that can respond quickly to those in greatest need. They do not encourage experimentation or creation of new administrative structures. Aside from the emphasis on maintenance of a system developed over time with considerable City encouragement, the policies reflect the City's intent to consider need, equity in the distribution of assistance, and cost-effectiveness in making allocation decisions.

I appreciate the Council's willingness to consider this proposed budget revision and resolution. Please let me know if I can provide additional information or assistance.

GZ/rp/ea

Enclosure

City of Seattle

Executive Department-Office of Management and Budget

Gary Zarker, Director
Charles Royer, Mayor

November 9, 1983



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Law copy

The Honorable Douglas Jewett
City Attorney
City of Seattle

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JRS

Dear Mr. Jewett:

The Mayor is proposing to the City Council that the enclosed legislation be adopted.

REQUESTING
DEPARTMENT: Office of Management and Budget

SUBJECT: A resolution relating to the establishment of an emergency human services program

Pursuant to the City Council's S.O.P. 100-014, the Executive Department is forwarding this request for legislation directly to your office for review and drafting.

After reviewing this request and drafting appropriate legislation:

- (X) File the legislation with the City Clerk for formal introduction to the City Council as an Executive Request.
- () Do not file with City Council but return the proposed legislation to OMB for our review. Return to _____.

Sincerely,

Charles Royer
Mayor

By

GARY ZARKER
Budget Director

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Enclosure