



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Summary

CB 118554

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Date

Notes:

Filed with City Clerk:

Mayor's Signature:

Sponsors: Bagshaw, Burgess, Okamoto, O'Brien

Vetoed by Mayor:

Veto Overridden:

Veto Sustained:

Attachments:

Drafter: Emilia.Sanchez@seattle.gov

Filing Requirements/Dept Action:

History of Legislative File

Legal Notice Published:

☐ Yes

☐ No

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Full Council	11/02/2015	referred	Full Council			
	Action Text:	The Council Bill (CB) was referred. to the Full Council					
	Notes:						
1	Full Council	11/03/2015	passed				Pass
	Action Text:	The Motion carried, the Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Bill:					
	Notes:	Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 118554.					
	In Favor:	9	Councilmember Bagshaw, Council President Burgess, Councilmember Godden, Councilmember Harrell, Councilmember Licata, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Okamoto, Councilmember Rasmussen, Councilmember Sawant				
	Opposed:	0					

- 1 City Clerk 11/03/2015 submitted for Mayor
Mayor's signature
Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was submitted for Mayor's signature, to the Mayor
Notes:
- 1 Mayor 11/03/2015 Signed
Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was Signed.
Notes:
- 1 Mayor 11/03/2015 returned City Clerk
Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was returned. to the City Clerk
Notes:
- 1 City Clerk 11/03/2015 attested by City
Clerk
Action Text: The Ordinance (Ord) was attested by City Clerk.
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CITY OF SEATTLE
ORDINANCE 124892
COUNCIL BILL 118554

AN ORDINANCE relating to homelessness in the City of Seattle; finding that a risk to public health and safety exists in the City of Seattle; authorizing the loan of funds from the City's Consolidated (Residual) Cash Pool, or its participating funds, in the amount of \$5,000,000 into the General Subfund; providing for the repayment of said loan; and amending Ordinance 124648, which adopted the 2015 Budget, changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle, like many other cities across the United States, is facing a homelessness crisis; and

WHEREAS, the region's shelter bed capacity outweighs the increased demand, leaving too many seniors, families, and individuals sleeping on the streets; and

WHEREAS, the City's Human Services Department invests nearly \$43,000,000 annually to assist single adults, youth and young adults, families, survivors of domestic violence, older adults, and veterans who are currently at-risk of or experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the City has undertaken numerous efforts to address the homelessness crisis, including creating an Emergency Task Force on Unsheltered Homelessness, developing a Homelessness Investment Analysis, completing the Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda, converting a City-owned building on Roy Street into an emergency shelter, supporting Mary's Place with temporary shelter capacity in a City-owned building, and authorizing legal encampments on City and private property; and

WHEREAS, despite these continued and enhanced efforts, the number of homeless in the city and the region continues to climb; and

1 WHEREAS, the 2015 One Night Count found that 3,772 individuals were living outside and
2 unsheltered in King County, representing a 21 percent increase from the 2014 count; and

3 WHEREAS, the continued increase in homelessness has resulted in a public health and safety
4 crisis given the strain on police, fire, public health and human services resources; and

5 WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor intend to increase resources in Finance General
6 Reserves that will be used by the Human Services Department to fund homelessness
7 prevention and intervention; and

8 WHEREAS, there is sufficient cash in the City's Consolidated (Residual) Cash Pool or its
9 participating funds to support an interfund loan of up to \$5,000,000 to homelessness
10 prevention efforts until the sale of surplus real property at the Joint Training Facility
11 Project at 9401 Myers Way South ("Myers Way Property"); and

12 WHEREAS, the proceeds from the sale of the Myers Way Property will first be used to pay off
13 existing obligations relating to the Myers Way Property, and then be used to pay off the
14 interfund loan authorized by this ordinance; NOW, THEREFORE,

15 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

16 Section 1. The City Council finds that the increase in homelessness across the City of
17 Seattle has created a public health and safety risk, as indicated by numerous 9-1-1 calls, police
18 investigations of criminal activities, persons found in crisis, and the resulting strain on police,
19 fire, public health, and human services resources. As such, the Mayor and City Council find that
20 this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety
21 and believe that the City should act immediately by investing in homelessness prevention and
22 intervention.

1 Section 2. The Director of Finance is authorized to make a loan of up to \$5,000,000
2 principal and interest outstanding at any one time from the City's Consolidated (Residual) Cash
3 Pool or its participating funds to the General Subfund, to provide bridge financing for immediate
4 homelessness prevention efforts. The loan is to be repaid after the sale of surplus property at the
5 Joint Training Facility Project at 9401 Myers Way South ("Myers Way Property"), with interest
6 on the loan at the rate of return of the City's Consolidated (Residual) Cash Pool. The entire
7 principal and interest amount of the loan drawn in advance of the sale of the Myers Way
8 Property shall be repaid with proceeds remaining from the sale of the property in accordance
9 with Section 4.

10 Section 3. The Director of Finance may effectuate the loan authorized in Section 2 by
11 transferring cash from one or more funds participating in the City's Consolidated (Residual)
12 Cash Pool to the General Subfund, or by carrying the General Subfund in a negative cash
13 position in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 until the sale of the Myers Way Property. The
14 Director of Finance is further authorized to establish, and modify if necessary from time to time,
15 a repayment plan and schedule.

16 Section 4. Upon the sale of the Myers Way Property, the Director of Finance shall, at his
17 or her discretion, use proceeds of the sale to satisfy any existing obligations relating to the Myers
18 Way Property. Any remaining proceeds shall be used to first repay the interfund loan authorized
19 by this ordinance.

20 Section 5. In order to pay for necessary costs and expenses incurred or to be incurred, but
21 for which insufficient appropriations were made due to causes that could not reasonably have
22 been foreseen at the time of making the 2015 budget, appropriations for the following items in
23 the 2015 budget are increased from the funds shown, as follows:

Item	Fund	Department	Budget Control Level	Amount
5.1	General Subfund (00100)	Finance General	Reserves (00100-2QD00)	\$ 5,000,000
5.2	Human Services Operating Fund (16200)	Human Services Department	Community Support and Assistance (16200-H30ET)	\$ 5,000,000
Total				\$ 5,000,000

Unspent funds so appropriated shall carry forward to subsequent fiscal years until they are exhausted or abandoned by ordinance.

Section 6. The Human Services Department shall use the funds appropriated in Section 5 for homelessness prevention and intervention, including, but not limited to, the following priorities:

- a) Providing rental assistance, eviction prevention, rapid re-housing and diversion services;
- b) Focusing on finding housing for those currently living unsheltered;
- c) Adding shelter beds to the current stock, including addressing gaps in the current offerings;
- d) Creating a multi-disciplinary outreach team (MDOT) to provide on-the-ground services focusing on people living unsheltered;
- e) Helping people currently living in vehicles to find housing;
- f) Creating and maintaining safe and healthy environments at authorized and unauthorized encampment sites; and
- g) Collecting additional data to help inform decisions about where best to make future investments.

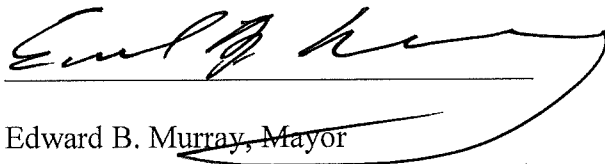
Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the signing of the ordinance by the Mayor, as provided by the Charter of the City.

Passed by a 3/4 vote of all the members of the City Council the 3rd day
NOVEMBER, 2015, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its
passage this 3rd day of NOVEMBER, 2015.



President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this 3rd day of October, 2015. (NOVEMBER - A.S. 11/3/15)



Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this 3rd day of NOVEMBER, 2015.



Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

Department:	Contact Person/Phone:	Executive Contact/Phone:
City Budget Office	Adam Schaefer / 684-8358	Ben Noble / 684-8160

** 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 relating to homelessness in the City of Seattle; finding that a risk to public health and safety exists in the City of Seattle; authorizing the loan of funds from the City's Consolidated (Residual) Cash Pool, or its participating funds, in the amount of \$5,000,000 into the General Subfund; providing for the repayment of said loan; and amending Ordinance 124648, which adopted the 2015 Budget, changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

Summary of the Legislation: This legislation:

- 1) Finds that there is a risk to public health and safety in the City of Seattle due to dramatically increasing homelessness despite significant financial and staff investment.
- 2) Authorizes an interfund loan from the City's Cash Pool into the General Subfund Reserves Budget Control Level (BCL) of up to \$5,000,000.
- 3) Allows for repayment of the interfund loan with proceeds from the sale of surplus property at the Joint Training Facility Project (9401 Myers Way South).
- 4) Appropriates \$5,000,000 to the General Subfund Reserves BCL and then to existing Human Services Department's Community Support and Assistance BCL, with unspent appropriations carrying forward to subsequent fiscal years until exhausted or abandoned by ordinance.
- 5) Provides for the transfer of \$5,000,000 from the Reserves BCL to the Human Services Operating Fund as necessary to fund homelessness prevention and intervention.
- 6) Identifies strategic funding priorities for the Human Services Department.

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

X This legislation has direct financial implications.

Budget program(s) affected:	Finance General, Human Services Department			
Estimated \$ Appropriation change:	General Fund \$		Other \$	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
	\$5,000,000		\$5,000,000	
Estimated \$ Revenue change:	Revenue to General Fund		Revenue to Other Funds	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
			\$5,000,000	
Positions affected:	No. of Positions		Total FTE Change	
	2015	2016	2015	2016

Other departments affected:

3.a. Appropriations

 X This legislation adds, changes, or deletes appropriations.

Fund Name and number	Dept	Budget Control Level Name/##	2015 Appropriation Change	2016 Estimated Appropriation Change
HSD Operating Fund (16200)	HSD	Community Support and Assistance (16200-H30ET)	\$5,000,000	
General Subfund (00100)	Finance General	Reserves (00100-2QD00)	\$5,000,000	
TOTAL			\$10,000,000	

**See budget book to obtain the appropriate Budget Control Level for your department.*

Appropriations Notes:

3.b. Revenues/Reimbursements

 X This legislation adds, changes, or deletes revenues or reimbursements.

Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from this Legislation:

Fund Name and Number	Dept	Revenue Source	2015 Revenue	2016 Estimated Revenue
HSD Operating Fund (16200)	HSD	Surplus property sale proceeds.*	\$5,000,000	
TOTAL			\$5,000,000	

Revenue/Reimbursement Notes:

*Until such time as the surplus property at 9401 Myers Way South is sold, funding will be provided through an interfund loan to the General Subfund.

3.c. Positions

 This legislation adds, changes, or deletes positions.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a) **Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?**

The City currently spends nearly \$43 million annually on services for the homeless and prevention of homelessness while Seattle's homeless population continues to grow. This places significant resource constraints on police, fire, public health and human services that if left unabated will continue to require diversion from other important City

priorities.

b) Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

No.

c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

Directly, this legislation impacts the Human Services Department. Indirectly, this legislation impacts many City departments including Police, Fire, Parks and Recreation, and Seattle-King County Public Health.

d) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

e) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No.

f) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No.

g) Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?

Seattle's homeless population includes many of the most vulnerable people that live in the city. In addition to the vulnerability that comes from the nature of homelessness, many are seniors, families, youth, gay/lesbian/transgender/bisexual/queer, veterans, people suffering from mental illness, and people suffering from addiction. While people of color comprise 35% of the population of King County, they make up 67% of the population living in emergency shelter and transitional housing. Making a significant investment in prevention will positively impact several of Seattle's most at risk populations.

h) If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program's desired goals.

N/A

i) Other Issues:

List attachments/exhibits below:

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CITY OF SEATTLE, CLERKS OFFICE

Affidavit of Publication

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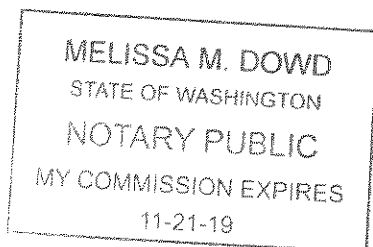
The notice in the exact form annexed, was published in regular issues of The Daily Journal of Commerce, which was regularly distributed to its subscribers during the below stated period. The annexed notice, a

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was published on

11/19/15

The amount of the fee charged for the foregoing publication is the sum of \$41.54 which amount has been paid in full.



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Subscribed and sworn to before me on

11/19/2015

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Notary public for the State of Washington,
residing in Seattle

Affidavit of Publication

State of Washington, King County

City of Seattle

The full text of the following legislation, passed by the City Council on November 3, 2015 and published below by title only, will be mailed upon request, or can be accessed at <http://clerk.seattle.gov>. For information on upcoming meetings of the Seattle City Council, please visit <http://www.seattle.gov/council/calendar>. Contact: Office of the City Clerk at (206) 684-8344.

Ordinance 124892

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