

RESOLUTION NO. 20-785

A RESOLUTION of the City of Federal Way, Washington, authorizing up to \$300,000.00 in general funds from the 2019 excess Fund Balance for emergency social services funding including the immediate use of \$88,500.00.

WHEREAS, the outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and its rapid progression in Washington state continues to threaten the life and health of its people as well as the economy of the state; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, the Governor of the State of Washington proclaimed a State of Emergency due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Mayor Ferrell issued a Proclamation of Emergency No. 20-01 in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic is expected to cause continued layoffs and reduced hours for a significant percentage of our workforce due to substantial reductions in business activity impacting commercial sectors that support our state's economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, the economic hardship residents will experience as a result of lost wages may cause an inability to pay for basic household expenses, including rent and food; and

WHEREAS, it is the public health recommendation to continue to operate services for people experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 may increase stress and anxiety and the measures implemented to slow the spread of the virus may result in further isolation and social support resulting in increased need for mental health services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Federal Way has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to provide emergency funding to nonprofits providing food, housing, homeless, and/or mental health services; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Department identified the 2019 excess Fund Balance as City resources that may be used to fund the emergency social services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the use of the 2019 excess Fund Balance to fund emergency social services is appropriate

WHEREAS, it is the intent of City Council that the City be reimbursed with Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) funds should such funds become available, the funded projects are determined to be eligible for CDBG funds, and the projects are subsequently included in a City Council and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development approved amendment to the CDBG 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and/or 2020 Annual Action Plan, if required; and

WHEREAS, 2 C.F.R. §200.320 allows for noncompetitive procurement under certain circumstances including when the public exigency or emergency for the requirement will not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitation and/or the item is available only from a single source.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FEDERAL WAY,
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. \$88,500.00 out of a total of \$300,000.00 from the 2019 excess Fund Balance is appropriated and authorized to be immediately used to fund the Multi-Service Center Food Bank, the Federal Way Senior Center Food Bank, and Catholic Community Services for overnight and day shelter services. The City shall, to the extent possible, seek reimbursement from the Community Development Block Grant program should services be determined to be eligible and are subsequently

approved as part of CDBG plan amendment(s). Staff is directed to recoup as much cost as is lawful under state and federal programs.

Section 2. Up to \$300,000.00 from the 2019 excess Fund Balance, including the \$88,500.00 in Section 1, is appropriated for the purpose of emergency social services funding. Staff is directed to identify the most effective use of these funds to accomplish the goal of assisting citizens suffering financial hardship due to this crisis. The City shall, to the extent possible, seek reimbursement from the Community Development Block Grant program should services be determined to be eligible and are subsequently approved as part of CDBG plan amendment(s). Staff is directed to recoup as much cost as is lawful under state and federal programs.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution.

Section 4. Corrections. The City Clerk and the codifiers of this resolution are authorized to make necessary corrections to this resolution including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener/clerical errors, references, resolution numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 5. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 6. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage by the Federal Way City Council.

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FEDERAL WAY,
WASHINGTON this 7th day of April, 2020.

CITY OF FEDERAL WAY:



JIM FERRELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:



STEPHANIE COURTNEY, CMC, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



J. RYAN CALL, CITY ATTORNEY

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:	<u>04/02/2020</u>
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:	<u>04/07/2020</u>
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- Clients from Federal Way who are currently engaged in services such as Reach Out will continue to have access to shelter through May. Funding will support staffing and other operational needs of providing shelter.
- Catholic Community Services Federal Way Day Center: \$12,000 in addition to the \$12,000 already allocated.
 - The Federal Way Day Center typically operates from 10 am to 3 pm. As other locations where persons experiencing homelessness go throughout the day and evening are closed, it is essential to provide more opportunity to access hygiene and sanitation as well as critical services and information on COVID-19.
 - It is the recommendation of public health officials to keep homeless services operating and keep social distancing and sanitation measures in place. To do this for the last week of March and the month of April, Mayor Ferrell authorized \$12,000 as the commitment was needed prior to this Council meeting.
 - It is anticipated that social distancing measures will be in place into May based on the modelling for COVID'19's progression in Washington State. The next Council meeting would allow only one and a half weeks for planning shelter in May, which is insufficient.
 - Funding will be used to extend hours open through May. Hours will be Monday through Friday from 9 am to 6 pm. Funds will be used for staffing and other operational needs of the Day Center.