

1 APPROVED: 05/21/20
2 EFFECTIVE: 05/21/20

3 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
4 Snohomish County, Washington

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6 AMENDED EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 20-031

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8 RELATING TO THE 2020 BUDGET; MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION
9 IN GRANT CONTROL FUND 130 TO PROVIDE EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY FOR
10 CARES ACT FUNDS
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12 WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020, the Washington State Department of Health
13 confirmed the first reported case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United
14 States in Snohomish County, Washington. COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can
15 result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new
16 strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily
17 spread from person to person;
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19 WHEREAS, since January 21, 2020, the disease has spread throughout the
20 United States. On January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and
21 Human Services secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-
22 19, beginning January 27, 2020. On February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor
23 Jay Inslee proclaimed a public health emergency for COVID-19. On March 4, 2020, the
24 Snohomish County Health Officer proclaimed a countywide public health emergency
25 for COVID-19. On March 4, 2020, Executive Dave Somers issued a "Local
26 Proclamation of Emergency Snohomish County" for COVID-19 (the "Emergency"). On
27 March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared COVID-19 a
28 National Emergency;
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30 WHEREAS, throughout March 2020, in order to combat the spread of COVID-
31 19, Governor Jay Inslee increased limitations on public gatherings, encouraged tele-
32 working, closed schools, and ultimately issued the "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order on
33 March 23, 2020;
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35 WHEREAS, the "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" required that all people in Washington
36 State immediately cease from leaving their home or place of residence except to
37 participate in essential activities or for employment in essential business activities. The
38 "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" also required all non-essential business operations in
39 Washington State cease operations except for basic minimum operations;
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41 WHEREAS, during the month of March, 12,301 people within Snohomish County
42 lost their jobs, and job losses are expected to increase substantially in April and May of
43 2020, demonstrating an economic crisis not seen since the Great Depression;
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1 WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the United States Congress passed the
2 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020 ("CARES Act"), providing direct
3 relief to units of local government through the United States Department of Treasury;
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5 WHEREAS, the Department of Treasury has issued guidance to units of local
6 government for the allowable uses of the direct relief funds. Allowable uses include, but
7 are not limited to, expenses related to facilitating compliance with COVID-19-related
8 public health measures; expenses related to the provision of economic support in
9 connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency; and payroll expenses for
10 certain employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or
11 responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and
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13 WHEREAS, the County Council has determined that it is necessary for the
14 support of county government and its existing institutions as well as necessary for the
15 immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety to appropriate these funds
16 in the speediest manner possible.
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18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:
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20 **Section 1.** The County Council makes the following findings of fact: a
21 supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$143,447,144.00 is necessary in the Grant
22 Control Fund 130 for budget year 2020 to provide expenditure authority for direct aid
23 provided to Snohomish County from the United States Department of Treasury pursuant
24 to Section 5001 of the CARES Act. The CARES Act provides that these funds may only
25 be used to cover costs that 1). are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public
26 health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); 2). were
27 not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020; and 3).
28 were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December
29 30, 2020. Further, the United States Department of Treasury has issued guidelines
30 regarding the allowable uses of these funds.
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32 **Section 2.** The unit and allocation detail for the supplemental appropriation
33 described in Section 1 are as follows:
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35 EXPENDITURE:
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37 130 Grant Control Fund
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130 57404504564101	Public Health and Emergency Response	\$20,000,000.00
130 57404505564101	Economic Stabilization	\$27,000,000.00
130 57404506564101	Human, Social Services, and Housing	\$10,000,000.00
130 57404507564101	Essential Government Services	\$6,000,000.00
130 574161564102	Snohomish Health District	\$10,906,943.00
130 574161564101	Nondepartmental	\$69,540,201.00

39 **Total Supplemental Appropriation:**
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41 **\$143,447,144.00**
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1 REVENUE:

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3 130 Grant Control Fund

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5 130 374041569322 CARES Act (Human Services) \$73,906,943.00
6 130 374161569322 CARES Act (NonDepartmental) \$69,540,201.00

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9 **Total Revenue:**

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11 **\$**
12 **143,447,144.00**

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14 **Section 3. Uses of Funds.** Amounts appropriated by this ordinance shall be
15 used solely for permissible expenditures pursuant to Section 5001 of the CARES Act,
16 as subsequently amended, and pursuant to guidance and FAQs issued by the United
17 States Department of Treasury.

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19 **Section 4. Unanticipated Funds.** The County Council finds that there is a need
20 for such supplemental appropriation authorized by this ordinance because the funds
21 that support them were unanticipated at the time of the adoption of the 2020 budget and
22 have not been previously appropriated. Based on the foregoing, the Council hereby
23 authorizes this appropriation.

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25 **Section 5. Finding of Emergency and Effective Date.** The County Council finds
26 as a fact that this ordinance is necessary for the support of Snohomish County and its
27 existing institutions as well as necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
28 peace, health or safety to allow for the speediest means to appropriate the CARES Act
29 funds. Based on the foregoing, the County Council declares that an emergency exists
30 and that this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

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32 **Section 6. Budget notes and conditions.**

33 Budget Note:

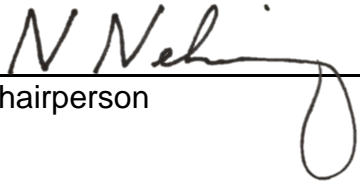
34 (1) **Council requests reporting on program status.** Council directs that there be regular
35 reporting on each program related to COVID-19 response and CARES Act funding. Bi-
36 weekly and monthly reports may be presented in writing, but must be accompanied by
37 an in-person report at a scheduled Council meeting on at least a quarterly basis.
38 Reports shall include status of programs, amounts expended to date, achievements of
39 programs to date, plans for upcoming programs, and plans to phase out programs as
40 funds expire.

41 Budget Condition:

42 (1) **Council restricts Nondepartmental usage.** Of the funding allocated from the CARES
43 Act grant, Nondepartmental category, DAC 130 574161564101, Council directs that all
44 of these funds remain unspent in Nondepartmental unless further appropriated into
other programs, by motion; said motion to be considered by Council during a public
meeting.

1 PASSED this 21st day of May, 2020.
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Chairperson

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Council

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