



Legislation Text

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ITEM TITLE:

#20-24 - Amending the 2020 Budget by Transferring \$2,890,600 from Permanent Fund Reserve to the Newly-created "Local Economic Assistance - COVID 19" Account, and Authorizing Expenditure There-from

SUBMITTED BY: Brian Carlson, Finance Director

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: \$2,890,600

Unencumbered Balance: \$2,890,600

Funding Source: Permanent Fund Reserve; 350-0607-55000

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

- This resolution allocates the annual 1.5% Permanent Fund appropriation to local households and businesses as part of Council's economic assistance efforts in response to the Coronavirus emergency.
- Charter allows for up to 1.5% distribution from the Permanent Fund, based on the most-recent audited fund value.
- Based on the 2018 audit, the 2020 budget appropriation is \$2,890,600
- Staff estimates a \$1,800 payment per recipient.
- Finance will establish a cost code within the City's "emergency" fund (fund 352), so as to track event-related costs, while keeping the economic assistance payment distinct from other event-related supplies and staff costs.
- Finance staff anticipates the following program timeline:
 - Application procedure and communications and staffing plans to be completed by May 8.
 - Open application from May 11 to May 22
 - Checks issued May 29

- Staff will return to Council with a plan update at the May 6th Regular City Council meeting.
- Program payments will be made from the City's central treasury. Finance staff will concurrently liquidate needed funds from Permanent Fund investments to reimburse the treasury, and in a manner that complies with investment allocation parameters articulated in the Investment Policy Statement.