



Whatcom County

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Agenda Bill Master Report

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Emergency ordinance amending the 2020 Whatcom County Budget, Request No. 10, in the amount of \$3,000,000

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

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HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
04/07/2020	Council	ADOPTED	
		Aye: 6	Browne, Buchanan, Donovan, Frazey, Elenbaas, and Kershner
		Nay: 1	Byrd
		Absent: 0	

Attachments: Proposed Emergency Ordinance

PROPOSED BY: Executive
SPONSORED BY: Donavan, Buchanan
INTRODUCTION DATE: 04/07/20

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-018
AMENDING THE WHATCOM COUNTY 2020 BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 10. IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$3,000,000

(EMERGENCY ORDINANCE)

WHEREAS, the 2019-2020 budget was adopted November 20, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, changing circumstances require modifications to the approved 2019-2020 budget;
and,

WHEREAS, the County Executive has issued a Proclamation of Emergency to combat the
spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, the spread of the virus presents a continuing threat to the health and safety of the
citizens of Whatcom County; and

WHEREAS, the modifications to the budget have been assembled here for deliberation by the
Whatcom County Council,

FINDINGS: The spread of the COVID-19 virus presents a continuing threat to the health and
safety of the citizens of Whatcom County. The County needs temporary cash flow assistance to
effectively respond to this crisis,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that the 2019-2020
Whatcom County Budget Ordinance #2018-064 is hereby amended by adding the following additional
amounts to the 2020 budget included therein:

Fund	Expenditures	Revenues	Net Effect
COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund	3,000,000	-	3,000,000
Total Supplemental	3,000,000	-	3,000,000

ADOPTED this 7th day of APRIL, 2020.

ATTEST:


Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Barry Buchanan, Chair of Council

Approved () Denied


Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Date: April 7th, 2020

Supplemental Budget Request

Status: Pending

Non-Departmental

Suppl ID# 3055 Fund Cost Center Originator: T. Helms
 Year 1 2019 Add'l FTE Priority 1

Name of Request: Increase Funding for COVID-19 Response

X
Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission) Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	2241	Interfund Loans Payable	(\$3,000,000)
	6610	Contractual Services	\$3,000,000
	Request Total		\$0

1a. Description of request:

Increase amount available needed to provide an adequate response to the COVID-19 emergency.

1b. Primary customers:

Citizens of Whatcom County

2. Problem to be solved:

The County Executive has issued a Proclamation of Emergency to combat the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The spread of the virus presents a continuing threat to the health and safety of the citizens of Whatcom County. The County has established the COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund to track restricted and committed revenues in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Adequate cash flow and budget authority is need in the COVID-10 Emergency Response Fund to fund the County's response due to the processing time required to receive expected local, state, and federal FE<A assistance and reimbursements.

3a. Options / Advantages:

Other options do not provide the efficiency and effectiveness needed to respond to this emergency.

3b. Cost savings:

It is expected that local, state and federal FEMA assistance and reimbursements will provide funding for the fund's expenditures.

4a. Outcomes:

Upon signature adequate resources will be available to fund emergency response as needed.

4b. Measures:

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

Public Utilities Improvement Fund (EDI) will provide a temporary loan for cashflow. The Treasurer will be authorized to provide the interfund loan.
 Unified Command, Finance, Executive's Office.

5b. Name the person in charge of implementation and what they are responsible for:

6. Funding Source:

Temporary Loan from Public Utilities Improvement Fund to be repaid from federal, state and local reimbursements.