

RESOLUTION R-5433

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND APPROVING THE CITY MANAGER'S CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT ("CARES ACT") FUNDING PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT STRATEGIES, ACTIONS, AND PROGRAMS CONSISTENT WITH THAT PLAN.

1 WHEREAS, the coronavirus identified as COVID-19 has
2 reached pandemic proportions throughout the world, including
3 the United States and the state of Washington; and
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5 WHEREAS, the State of Washington and King County have
6 each proclaimed an emergency to exist as a result of COVID-19;
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9 WHEREAS, the City Manager proclaimed an emergency to
10 exist in Kirkland as a result of COVID-19 on February 29, 2020,
11 which proclamation was ratified by the City Council through
12 Resolution R-5411 on March 3, 2020; and
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14 WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared
15 an emergency to exist as a result of COVID-19 and issued a major
16 disaster declaration for the state of Washington in connection
17 therewith; and
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19 WHEREAS, the facts giving rise to such proclamations and
20 declarations continue to exist; and
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22 WHEREAS, City operations have shifted dramatically to
23 implement necessary health recommendations and requirements,
24 provide needed City services remotely, and schedule alternating
25 shifts for crews; and
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27 WHEREAS, among those most hurt by COVID-19 and
28 needing immediate assistance are individuals in Kirkland needing
29 food and shelter, mental health and domestic violence services,
30 and other critical human services; and
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32 WHEREAS, the Kirkland's small businesses, including
33 human service provider agencies and community-based
34 organizations, have experienced considerable economic impacts
35 as a result of the pandemic, and such impacts are anticipated to
36 continue for at least several months; and
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38 WHEREAS, City staff have prioritized support for general
39 COVID-19 related issues, human services, and the business
40 community since the beginning of the pandemic, resulting in
41 considerable impacts to some department work plans; and
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43 WHEREAS, the federal government passed the Coronavirus
44 Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act"), which

45 provides direct financial relief to states and local government
46 entities with populations of 500,000 or more; and
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48 WHEREAS, the Governor of Washington notified cities and
49 counties with populations that fall below the 500,000-population
50 threshold that the State would distribute CARES Act funding to its
51 individual cities on a per capita basis, which amounts to
52 approximately \$2.6 million for the City of Kirkland; and
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54 WHEREAS, the State's funding is provided on a
55 reimbursement basis for COVID-19 related expenses and cannot
56 be used to replace lost revenue; and
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58 WHEREAS, the CARES Act funding must be used by
59 October 31, 2020; and
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61 WHEREAS, Public Health – Seattle & King County has
62 published data that illustrates the disproportionate impacts
63 COVID-19 is having on communities of color across the county;
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66 WHEREAS, although county-wide, the data from Public
67 Health – Seattle & King County supports the importance for a
68 continued commitment to the City's efforts around being a safe,
69 welcoming, and inclusive community; and
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71 WHEREAS, the City Manager has developed a plan to
72 allocate available CARES Act funding for COVID-19 support
73 strategies for the three categories of (1) City operations, (2)
74 human services, and (3) small business assistance, which includes
75 the hiring of temporary City staff or contractors to support such
76 strategies.
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78 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the
79 City of Kirkland as follows:
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81 Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to direct
82 available CARES Act funding in substantially equally parts toward
83 City COVID-19 related reimbursable expenses pertaining to City
84 general operations, Human Services needs, and Small Business
85 assistance.
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87 Section 2. The City Manager is authorized to invest CARES
88 Act funding consistent with the intention of the programs, policies,
89 and initiatives recommended in the City staff report dated June 9,
90 2020, including redirecting existing staff work plans consistent
91 with such recommendations.
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93 Section 3. The City Manager is authorized to use CARES
94 Act funding to hire temporary or contract positions with a
95 termination date of October 31, 2020, to support such
96 recommendations.
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98 Section 4. The City Manager is authorized to pilot individual
99 policies, programs and partnerships outlined in such

100 recommendations to support City operations, Human Services
101 needs and Small Business assistance.
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103 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in an
104 open meeting this 16 day of June, 2020.
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106 Signed in authentication thereof this 16 day of June, 2020.



Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:



Kathi Anderson, City Clerk