

CITY OF BELLEVUE

ORDER #2 PURSUANT TO PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY

OF MARCH 3, 2020

(Human Services Funding)

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public emergency for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee signed a Proclamation declaring a State of Emergency exists in all counties in the State of Washington due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the state and directed that the plans and procedures of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, King County Executive Dow Constantine signed a Proclamation of Emergency due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in King County thus enabling King County government to take extraordinary measures; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Manager of the Office of Emergency Management for the City of Bellevue has reported to the Mayor the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in King County is increasing daily; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2020, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Bellevue declared that a civil emergency exists within the City of Bellevue due to the outbreak of COVID-19 and necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52 and Bellevue City Code 9.22; and

WHEREAS, Public Health – Seattle & King County issued guidance recommending that people at higher risk of severe illness should stay home and away from large groups of people as much as possible, including public places; and,

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Governor and the Public Health – Seattle & King County Local Health Officer, under their respective emergency powers, each issued orders prohibiting events with more than 50 people and closing entertainment, social and recreational establishments; and

WHEREAS, while these actions by the Governor and Local Health Officer are appropriate for public health reasons, they also result in loss of income and other economic and property impacts to individuals; and,

WHEREAS, the City currently has contracts with Catholic Community Services, Hopelink, LifeWire, Salvation Army, and Solid Ground to provide emergency financial funds to

low-income and homeless individuals to assist in the payment of rent and utilities, as well as assistance with food and other emergency financial needs; and

WHEREAS, increasing the amount of money available under those contracts is appropriate and imminently necessary for the protection of life and property;

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, pursuant to BCC 9.22.020.I, hereby orders the following actions:

Section 1: Human Services Fund

The 2019-2020 Human Services Fund is hereby increased by \$450,000, as transferred from the General Fund.

Section 2: Amendment of Human Services Contracts

The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to enter into amendments to existing contracts with Catholic Community Services, Hopelink, LifeWire, Salvation Army, and Solid Ground to provide an additional \$90,000 in City funds to each contract.

Section 3: Expiration and Termination

This Order shall, at the earliest practicable time, be filed with the City Clerk for presentation to the City Council for ratification and confirmation, and if not so ratified and confirmed, shall be void. If ratified and confirmed by the City Council, this order shall continue in force and effect until the March 3, 2020 Proclamation of Emergency is terminated by order of the Mayor or action by the City Council by ordinance.

Dated this 24 day of March, 2020.



Lynne Robinson
Mayor of the City of Bellevue