

1 Sponsored by: Councilmembers Dave Morell, Douglas G. Richardson, and Connie Ladenburg  
2 Requested by: County Council

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8 **ORDINANCE NO. 2020-125**

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13 **An Emergency Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Establishing a**  
14 **Program to Provide Financial Assistance to Food Banks in**  
15 **Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic; Stating Funding**  
16 **Intent; Establishing a Sunset Date; and Declaring an**  
17 **Emergency.**  
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19 **Whereas**, COVID-19 is a contagious and potentially deadly virus that has been  
20 declared a pandemic event by the World Health Organization; and

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22 **Whereas**, President Trump, Governor Inslee, and Executive Dammeier have  
23 each declared states of emergency within their respective jurisdictions; and

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25 **Whereas**, actions taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 have resulted in  
26 widespread social and economic disruption throughout Pierce County; and

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28 **Whereas**, Pierce County received \$157,912,031 from the Coronavirus Aid,  
29 Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) to support its response to the  
30 pandemic; and

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32 **Whereas**, pursuant to Emergency Ordinance No. 2020-60, the Pierce County  
33 Council appropriated and deployed these funds across a variety of categories to  
34 respond to the pandemic. These categories include Public Health Emergency  
35 Response, Economic Stabilization and Recovery Programs, Community Response and  
36 Resilience, Essential Government Services, and Contingency Reserve; and

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38 **Whereas**, local food banks have reported a significant increase in demand for  
39 services during the pandemic; and  
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1           **Whereas**, Pierce County has previously used CARES Act funds to address food  
2 insecurity during the pandemic and now wishes to allocate additional CARES Act funds  
3 directly to food banks to offset part of the COVID-19 expenses they incurred during the  
4 pandemic; **Now Therefore**,

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6           **BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Pierce County:**  
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8           Section 1. There is hereby created the Pierce County COVID-19 Food Bank  
9 Assistance Program administered by the Finance Department. The purpose of this  
10 program is to protect the public health and economy threatened by the COVID-19  
11 pandemic by providing funds to food bank providers located in Pierce County to offset a  
12 portion of the COVID-19 expenses incurred by these providers during the COVID-19  
13 public health emergency. In order to be eligible for assistance under the program, a  
14 food bank provider shall meet the eligibility and program requirements set forth in  
15 Sections 2 and 3 of this Ordinance.  
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17           Section 2. In order to be eligible for assistance under the Pierce County  
18 COVID-19 Food Bank Assistance Program, a food bank provider must: (1) provide food  
19 bank services primarily in Pierce County; (2) have been in operation in Pierce County  
20 prior to March 23, 2020, and continue to be in operation in Pierce County as of the date  
21 of the request for assistance under the program; and (3) must be organized as a not-for-  
22 profit or non-profit organization. The Finance Department Director shall institute an  
23 application review and documentation process as necessary to ensure these program  
24 requirements are met and may supplement these eligibility requirements as the Director  
25 deems appropriate to further the purposes of this Ordinance.  
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27           Section 3. Eligible food bank providers wishing to receive funding under the  
28 COVID-19 Food Bank Assistance Program must enter into an agreement with Pierce  
29 County in a form approved by the Finance Department. Eligible providers shall be  
30 required to: (1) provide information on the type of services provided, number of clients  
31 served, and other information to document the provider's operations as required by the  
32 Finance Department; (2) document the COVID-19 attributable expenses for which the  
33 provider is seeking reimbursement in a form satisfactory to the Finance Department; (3)  
34 attest that these expenses were not previously funded using CARES Act funds; and (4)  
35 agree to comply with the requirements of the CARES Act. The Finance Department  
36 Director may supplement these terms with other terms and conditions the Director  
37 deems appropriate to further the purposes of this Ordinance.  
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39           Section 4. Subject to the other requirements of this Ordinance and available  
40 funds, a food bank provider listed in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein  
41 by reference, may receive reimbursement for up to \$100,000 of its COVID-19  
42 attributable expenses incurred after March 23, 2020. In no case shall reimbursement  
43 exceed expenses.



1 Section 5. Subject to the other requirements of this Ordinance and available  
2 funds, a food bank provider not listed in Exhibit A may receive reimbursement for up to  
3 \$20,000 of its COVID-19 attributable expenses incurred after March 23, 2020. In no  
4 case shall reimbursement exceed expenses.

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6 Section 6. The Finance Department shall notify the food bank providers listed in  
7 Exhibit A of the availability of funds under the program within seven days of the effective  
8 date of this ordinance.

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10 Section 7. This Emergency Ordinance is necessary for the immediate  
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the County government  
12 and its existing institutions.

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14 Section 8. This Ordinance shall sunset on December 31, 2020.

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17 PASSED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

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19 ATTEST:

PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL  
Pierce County, Washington

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22 Patricia L. Force for

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24 **Denise D. Johnson**  
25 Clerk of the Council

Douglas G. Richardson

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27 **Douglas G. Richardson**  
28 Council Chair

Bruce F. Dammeier

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30 **Bruce F. Dammeier**  
31 Pierce County Executive

32 Approved X Vetoed \_\_\_\_\_, this  
33 18<sup>th</sup> day of November,  
34 2020.

35 Time: 1211

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37 Date of Publication of

38 Notice of Public Hearing: NOT Applicable - Emergency

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40 Effective Date of Ordinance: November 18, 2020 at 12:11 p.m.  
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**Food Bank Provider Maximum Allocations**

Subject to the requirements the COVID-19 Food Bank Assistance Program and available funds, the food bank providers listed below may receive reimbursement of up to \$100,000 of eligible COVID-19 attributable expenses incurred after March 23, 2020. In no case shall reimbursement exceed expenses.

Food Bank Provider	Maximum Allocation
BASH - Bikers Against Statewide Hunger	Up to \$100,000
Bonney Lake Food Bank	Up to \$100,000
Eatonville Family Agency	Up to \$100,000
Eloise Cooking Pot Food Bank	Up to \$100,000
Families Unlimited Network	Up to \$100,000
Gig Harbor FISH	Up to \$100,000
Lakebay Key Peninsula Community Services	Up to \$100,000
Nourish Pierce County	Up to \$100,000
Orting Food Bank	Up to \$100,000
Puyallup Food Bank	Up to \$100,000
St. Leo Food Connection	Up to \$100,000
Sumner Community Food Bank	Up to \$100,000

Eligible food bank providers not listed in the table above may be eligible for up to \$20,000 of COVID-19 attributable expense reimbursement. Refer to Section 5 of Ordinance No. 2020-125.

