



Acceptance of the CESF (Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Fund) Grant

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CESF Program Background

- **Source of Funds**

- Federal CARES Act funding allocated to each State by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Justice Programs
- Administered by the Department of Commerce



- **Grant Details**

- Restricted to local government, tribes and non-profit organizations
- Commerce's Allocation Plan included funding for up to ten project proposals
- Requests up to \$250,000; no match requirement
- Applications limited to future projects or services that would not otherwise be budgeted or feasible during the period of January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022



CESF Grant Application

- Eligible services and projects included mental health and case management supports
- Due to pandemic related reduction of Thrift Shop revenues, all seven school-based counseling staff and one Emergency Assistance staff budgeted at 20% furlough for 2021-2022 biennium
- Commerce confirmed that restoring positions reduced due to pandemic budget impacts not considered supplanting
- Community need for mental health remain high and increasing; emergency assistance and food pantry requests for assistance at unprecedented levels
- Received notification on December 17, 2020 that the City's application was selected for a CESF grant award



CESF Grant Award

Award covers 20% of salary and benefits, restoring positions to full time for the biennium.

	Year 1 2021	Year 2 2022	Total
Salaries	\$104,671	\$106,745	\$211,426
Benefits	\$15,701	\$16,012	\$37,713
Total	\$120,372	\$122,757	\$243,129

Implementation date if accepted: January 11, 2021



Recommendation

Accept the Washington State Department of Commerce Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Fund grant in the amount of \$243,129 to restore school-based and emergency assistance staffing to full time for the 2021-2022 biennium.

