

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - COVID-19 Emergency Family Relief Fund]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish the COVID-19 Emergency Family Relief Fund.

Existing Law

Chapter 10, Article XIII of the Administrative Code establishes a number of funds that provide for the acceptance and expenditure of monies and goods for specified purposes.

Administrative Code Section 10.100-1 sets forth eight types of fund categories. This section specifies that for a category eight fund, the City will automatically appropriate available monies for expenditures consistent with the purpose and use of the fund, any interest earned on principal shall be credited to the fund, and any unexpended or unencumbered monies shall carry forward to the next fiscal year.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would create the COVID-19 Emergency Family Relief Fund ("Fund"), to provide financial support to San Francisco families with children or dependents who are 18 years old or younger impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This Fund would seek to provide financial assistance of at least \$500 a month for up to 5,000 San Francisco families.

The proposed ordinance would establish the Fund in Chapter 10, Article XIII of the Administrative Code and would designate it as a category eight fund. The Fund would be able to accept any legally available monies appropriated or donated to the Fund including, but not limited to, funds appropriated by the Board of Supervisors, funding made available from the federal or State governments, and private donations and grants.

The Human Rights Commission would administer the Fund and adopt rules regarding disbursement of the monthly stipends. The Human Rights Commission's rules would incorporate and further develop the following criteria for disbursement:

- the degree to which the family has been directly impacted by the economic hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- whether the family does not qualify for funding or payments provided by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, or other federal or state assistance programs specific to the COVID-19 pandemic for families or individuals, due to the family's or a family member's citizenship or immigration status, lack of a social security number, or tax return filing history.

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The Fund would terminate, and the Board of Supervisors would redistribute any remaining funds to the General Fund, 60 days after the date the Mayor withdraws her proclamation regarding the state of emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Background Information

The legislative sponsors have separately introduced an emergency ordinance that would expedite the creation of this COVID-19 Emergency Family Relief Fund. See File No. 200339.

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