

Seattle COVID-19 2020 Emergency Feeding Response

September 18, 2020



Agenda



- Context of City's 2020 budget picture
- Review Emergency Feeding Task Force response and investments
- Q&A



2020 Budget Context

- ✓ **\$1.58 billion City of Seattle General Fund budget**
- ✓ **COVID-19 Budget Impacts:**



Reduced revenue forecast



Increased costs for COVID-19 response



\$381 million projected 2020 shortfall

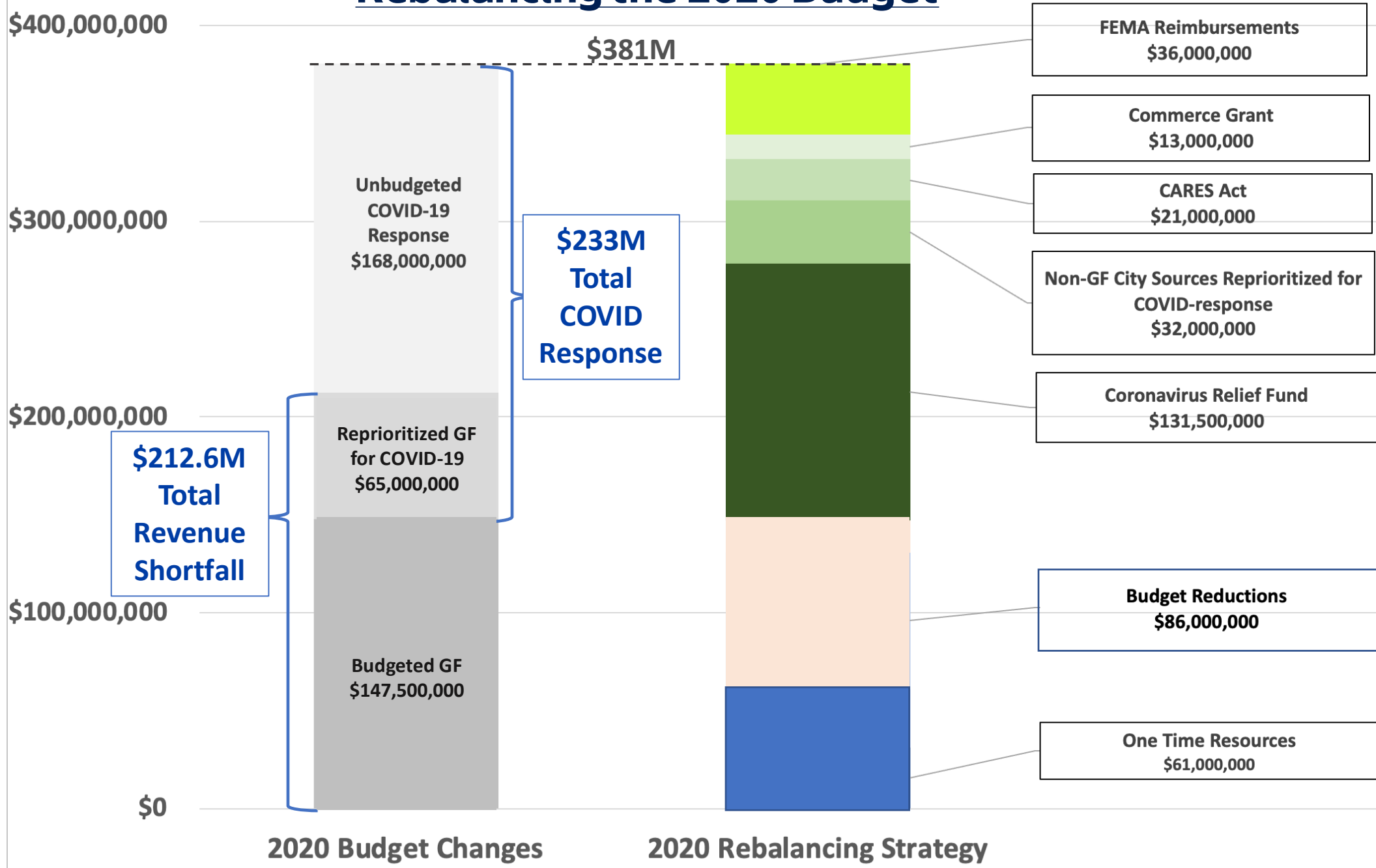


Center the City's response in race and social justice to help address the disparate impact COVID-19 is having on communities of color.

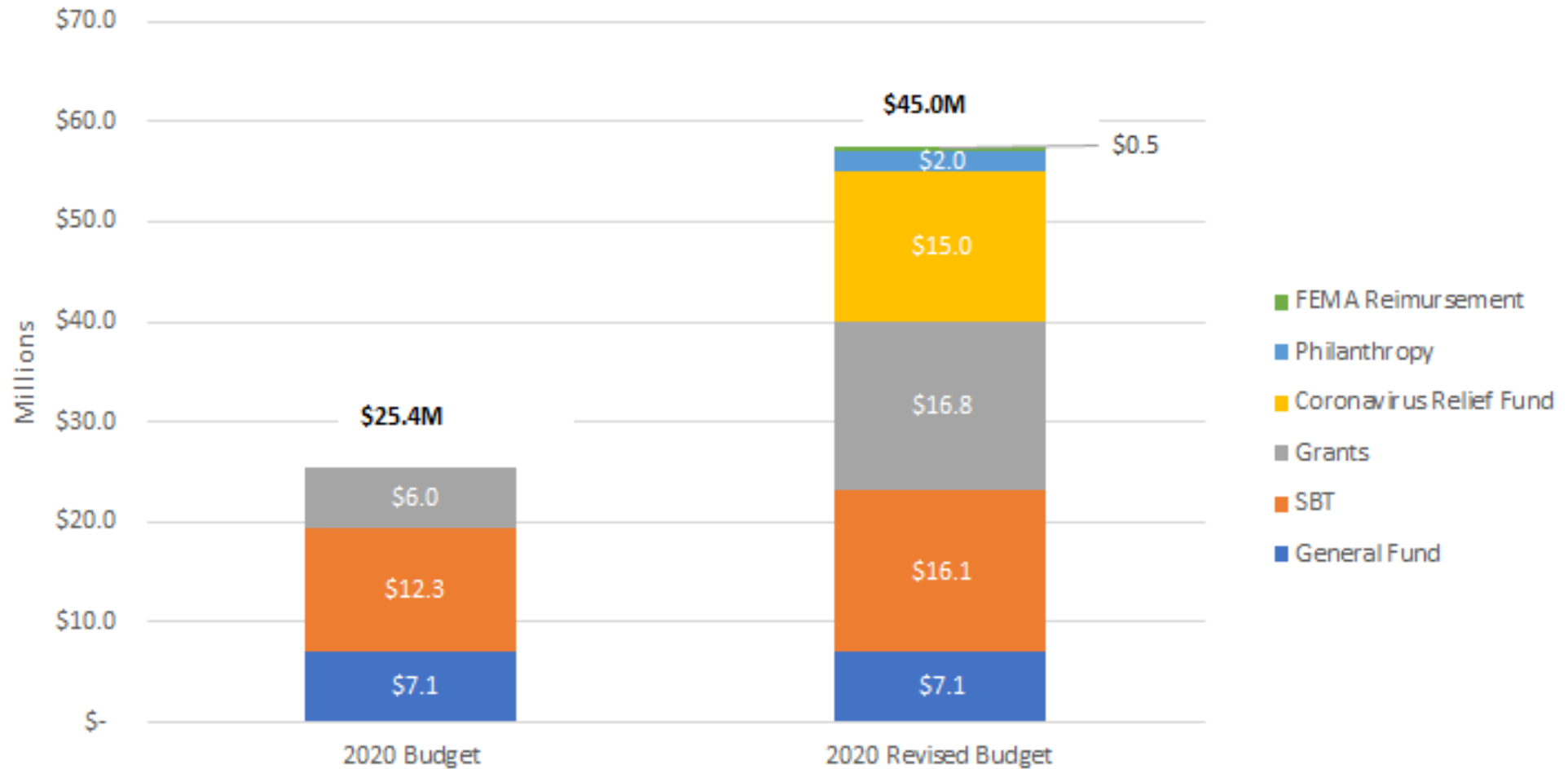
- Respond to immediate impacts of the COVID-19 emergency and preserve ability to react as the situation evolves
- Protect our most vulnerable neighbors experiencing homelessness and address housing insecurity
- Support essential household and community needs
- Assist small businesses, artists, and cultural organizations as they struggle for survival
- Continue critical supports for first responders
- Maintain City services and support the City employees who provide them



Rebalancing the 2020 Budget



2020 Revised Food Budget Estimate



Emergency Feeding Task Force Response and Investments

- Four phases of response to date:
 - Phase 1: Immediate response
 - Phase 2: Investments in community partners
 - Phase 3: Sustained response through 2020
 - Phase 4: Preparing for 2021 response



Phase 1: Immediate response

Response item	Budget and Data
Invest in an distribute PPE and Sanitation supplies for food and meal providers	\$411,045 through May 13
Invest in and quickly develop Emergency Grocery Voucher program to reach 6,200 people, fundraise externally to expand program	\$5,000,000 SBT
Convene cross-departmental Emergency Feeding Task Force	N/A
Liaise with Seattle Public Schools to ensure coordination of student feeding	N/A
Set-up HSDCOVIDInfo email and program needs survey to match requests with resources offered	N/A
Liaise frequently with community-based partners	N/A
National Guard Placement	51 Guard placed at 12 sites between April-Aug



Phase 2: Invest in community partners

Response item	Budget and Data
Sustain Phase 1 activities	
Meals in permanent supportive housing	\$2,500,000, federal Commerce Act 246,914 meals projected through July
Meals in shelters	\$2,829,807, federal Emergency Solutions Grant 179,840 meals projected through July
Meals for Older Adults	\$5,482,097, Older Americans Act 346,514 meals projected through June
Bolster food bank emergency food supply through emergency food boxes and bulk buy	\$549,137, General fund (requesting FEMA reimbursement) / 15,876 boxes through mid-July
Expand Emergency Grocery Voucher program to reach 2,000 more people	\$2,000,000, Philanthropy
HSD Staff Reassignments in food and meals programs	1,263 hours at 4 sites from May 8 – July 21



Phase 3: Sustained response through 2020

Response item	Budget
Sustain many Phase 1 and 2 activities	
Invest in the emergency food system (food bank grants)	~\$2.4M, federal Coronavirus Relief Fund
Community Food Fund to invest in BIPOC-led community-based solutions	~\$670,000, federal Coronavirus Relief Fund
Expand Emergency Grocery Voucher program to reach 1,500 more people, extend with reduced benefit level	~\$9.5M, federal Coronavirus Relief Fund
Partnership with King County Metro to continue providing home delivery services for food banks and meal providers through December	N/A



Phase 3: Meeting student food needs

Response item	Budget/Lead Agency
Free meals offered daily at 40 sites and 8 bus routes.	Operated by Seattle Public Schools (SPS)
5,000 high-need students receiving weekly meal deliveries (full week of meals), OSE is adding fresh fruits and vegetables to these deliveries.	Operated by SPS
SPS providing meals at 19 Seattle Parks childcare sites and 7 teen resource hubs.	Meals provided by SPS
HSD funding and CRF Food bank funding is supporting distribution of 4,450 weekend hunger relief backpacks at SPS meal sites, double pre-covid numbers.	General fund and federal CRF
Fresh Bucks to Go adjustments	SBT
Supplement home-delivered school meals with fresh fruits and vegetables for ~5,000 SPS students	\$210,000, SBT
Continuing to identify potential non-SPS meal sites and to explore 3rd meal (supper) options	
Supporting outreach and translation of P-EBT materials	OSE, HSD, SPS, partners



Phase 4: Planning for 2021



- Hoping for passage of new federal stimulus package that will include more funding for cities, food and meal programs, and expansions of federal income and food benefits.
- Interdepartmental and stakeholder planning about how to best continue to meet the needs of our community as we move into 2021.

Questions?

Seán Walsh, Food and Nutrition Strategic Advisor

Human Services Department

Sean.Walsh2@seattle.gov

