



REQUEST FOR ACTION

Council Initiated Action - Allocating Funds for Food Support

MEETING DATE:

November 3, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPT:

City Administration

AGENDA SECTION:

Council Initiated Actions

PRESENTER:

Dan Doering

Action Requested:

Considering a Council Initiated Action (CIA) requesting that City Council allocate \$100,000 from the Contingency Fund to supplement the costs of Channel One to supply food and formula to residents who may lose federal benefits in November 2025.

Report Narrative:

Council Member Dan Doering brings forward this Council Initiated Action for consideration, with Council Member Norman Wahl supporting as the second, as required by the Council Rules of Procedure Ch. 2 - Internal Council Conduct, Sec 2.03 - Placing Items on the Business Meeting Agenda, subd. B. This request is as follows: "Authorization to allocate \$100,000 from Contingency Fund to supplement the costs of Channel One to supply food and formula to residents who may lose federal benefits in November 2025." A Council Initiated Action (CIA) allows the Council to discuss and determine whether to advance the work as a priority for staff and other resources. Approval of this CIA would not finalize a project or allocate funds but would direct staff to prioritize research and planning efforts and return to Council with recommendations. If the CIA is not approved, the work may still be considered through other planning mechanisms, though not with the same prioritization or timeline.

Notes:

- This item meets the eligibility criteria for the Contingency Fund. As of October 27, 2025, the balance of the contingency fund is \$627,606.69.
- A draft service agreement is attached to illustrate the type of agreement that would be executed for the requested services at a future meeting. The draft outlines that funding may be distributed in installments and would only be released if a federal government shutdown is in effect.

Priorities & Foundational Principles:

Compassion
Social Equity

Policy Considerations & DEI Impact:

Council Initiated Actions help the Council prioritize its own initiatives through organized coalition building done in a public space and on the record. CIAs provide the Council with a public forum to consider their individual ideas with the body and decide if those ideas warrant prioritization for City teammates within the larger scope of the City's project load.

Prior Legislative Actions & Community Engagement:

No previous actions.

Fiscal & Resource Impact:

There is no cost to this request initially other than the cost of staff time to create a policy for review.

Alternative Action(s):

No alternatives suggested at this time.

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Attachments:

[Draft Service Agreement - Funds for Food Assistance](#)

[CIA - Funds for Food Assistance](#)