

2020 Seattle City Council Budget Action

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Budget Action Title: Add \$3.5 million GF in 2020 (ongoing) to HSD to contract with a law enforcement assisted diversion program, add 1.0 unfunded Assistant City Attorney and impose three provisos

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

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Council Bill or Resolution:

Date	Total	LH	BH	KS	AP	DJ	MO	SB	TM	LG
Yes	0									
No	0									
Abstain	0									
Absent	0									

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2020 Increase (Decrease)	2021 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$3,500,000	
Net Balance Effect	\$(3,500,000)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(3,500,000)	

Budget Action Description:

This Budget Action adds \$3.5 million GF (ongoing) to the Human Services Department (HSD) for a contract with a law enforcement diversion program, such as the LEAD Program (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion), that provides point-of-arrest and social contact diversion services. This Budget Action acknowledges the potential that the LEAD Program may receive this funding as well as private sector funding to close the revenue-budget gap discussed below. Finally, this action adds to the Criminal Division of the Law Department an unfunded 1.0 FTE Assistant City Attorney (ACA) position that will be funded via an MOU with the program and will serve as a second dedicated law enforcement assisted diversion attorney.

Consistent with the 2020 Endorsed Budget, the Proposed Budget maintains \$2.55 million for a law

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enforcement assisted diversion program. This Council Budget Action's funding plus the funding in the Proposed Budget would bring the City's new, ongoing support for law enforcement assisted diversion to \$6.05 million in 2020. If this funding were to go to LEAD, it would be combined with other funding that will not flow through the City's budget (\$1.6 million in King County funding, \$0.7M in existing grant funding, and an additional \$1.5 million in new private sector contributions), and would be funded at a level sufficient to:

- (1) sustain caseloads at no more than 25 cases per case manager vs. the current load of 44 cases per case manager;
- (2) increase case manager salaries by 10 percent and all LEAD employee salaries by five percent;
- (3) provide funding for project management functions such as LEAD Personnel Costs, Rent and Occupancy, Travel and Professional Services, Legal Services and a PDA Administrative Allocation; and
- (4) hire 54 new case managers (increasing the number of case managers from 19 to 73).

The funding in the Council Budget Action would also be sufficient to pay for a second City of Seattle Attorney position and a study of the budget and staffing necessary to allow LEAD to accept all currently anticipated referrals for prioritized individuals.

Information about the LEAD program's assessment of its 2020 revenue and expenditure needs is provided in Attachment 1. Case Management Services is found in the first line of Table 2. LEAD Project Management Costs can be found in the lower half of Table 2.

The LEAD program currently employs 19 case managers with caseload of approximately 44 cases per manager. LEAD indicates that it cannot provide effective services when the caseload of case managers exceeds 25 cases. Effective services include providing timely outreach to every client who has completed an intake interview. LEAD currently has 547 participants and expects to have 1,400 participants in 2020, based on a trend line that expects the cases will double from 2019 to 2020 (as occurred from 2018 to 2019).

This Council Budget Action imposes three provisos:

"Of the appropriation in the 2020 budget for the Human Services Department, \$5.6 million is appropriated solely for a contract with a law enforcement assisted diversion program and may be spent for no other purpose."

"Of the appropriation in the 2020 budget for the Human Services Department, \$350,000 is appropriated solely for a contract with a law enforcement assisted diversion program and would be used to sub-contract with the Seattle City Attorney's Office to support two law enforcement assisted diversion focused attorneys and may be spent for no other purpose."

"Of the appropriation in the 2020 budget for the Human Services Department, \$100,000 is appropriated solely for the Human Services Department to fund a study to be led by the Mayor's Office, in consultation with a law enforcement assisted diversion program's evaluation workgroup and Council central staff, that determines the staff and budget that is necessary to accept all appropriate referrals for priority individuals, and to determine, in consultation with the evaluation workgroup and Council central staff and an appropriate center at an academic institution whether the dedicated a law enforcement assisted

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diversion liaison attorney position initiated in spring 2017 has resulted in City cost savings through decreased warrants, filings, jail bookings, jail stays or otherwise and may be spent for no other purpose.”

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Add \$3.5 million GF in 2020 (ongoing) to HSD to fund the LEAD Program		0	0	HSD - HS000	HSD - BO-HS-H3000 - Addressing Homelessness	00100 - General Fund	2020	\$0	\$3,500,000
2	Pocket Adjustments	City Attorney,Asst	1	1	LAW - LW000	LAW - BO-LW-J1500 - Criminal	00000 - City of Seattle	2020	\$0	\$0