

2022 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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Budget Action Title: Proviso \$10.7 million GF in HSD for tiny home villages

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Kshama Sawant

Council Members: Tammy Morales, Andrew Lewis

Staff Analyst: Jeff Simms

Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action would impose two provisos in the Human Services Department (HSD) in the 2022 Proposed Budget. HSD would contract with the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) to issue and manage the funds on which these provisos are imposed.

The first proviso would restrict the \$9.8 million GF provided for the operation of thirteen tiny home villages: eight villages that were in operation prior to 2021, including the expanded Interbay Village; two new villages that will become operational in the fall of 2021; and three additional tiny home villages that will be opened in 2022 utilizing capital funds from the Washington Department of Commerce. The proviso would require those funds be used for tiny home villages.

The second proviso would restrict the use of \$800,000 GF provided in the 2022 Proposed Budget to support the operations of two self-managed encampments that are not operated by a homelessness services agency. These funds would cover a range of potential encampment expenses, including utilities, hygiene facilities, moving expenses, phone and internet service, bus tickets, solid waste collection, food, and staff for as many as 60 beds at two new tiny home villages that are fully operated and managed by residents of the villages rather than a homelessness services agency. Because organizations such as SHARE-WHEEL and Nickelsville, which would be eligible to operate these encampments, may not have the infrastructure to meet government contracting requirements, KCRHA would likely identify non-traditional ways of awarding these funds.

This action would impose the following two provisos:

"Of the appropriations in the Human Services Department's 2022 Budget for the Addressing Homelessness Budget Summary Level (HSD-BO-HS-H3000) in the General Fund (00100), \$9,800,000 is appropriated

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solely to operate tiny home villages, and may be spent for no other purpose."

"Of the appropriations in the Human Services Department's 2022 Budget for the Addressing Homelessness Budget Summary Level (HSD-BO-HS-H3000) in the General Fund (00100), \$800,000 is appropriated solely to support self-managed encampments that are not operated by a homelessness services agency, and may be spent for no other purpose."