

2022 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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Budget Action Title: Add \$1.5M GF to SFD for 20 additional firefighter recruits

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Lisa Herbold

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Staff Analyst:

Council Bill or Resolution:

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

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2022 Increase (Decrease)	2023 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$1,466,000	
Net Balance Effect	\$(1,466,000)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(1,466,000)	

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action would add \$1.5 million GF to the Seattle Fire Department (SFD) to support the training of an additional 20 firefighter recruits in 2022 to address a higher than average vacancy rate. From 2015 through 2019, an average of 53 firefighters separated from SFD, mostly due to retirement. In 2020 70 firefighters separated from SFD, and there have been over 70 separations to date in 2021.

Because SFD has a minimum daily staffing requirement, any absences of scheduled uniformed staff must be filled by other staff who are working on an overtime basis. SFD plans to hold a recruit class of 60 starting in February 2022, with graduates to join the department as new firefighters mid-year. With this additional funding, SFD will hold a second class of 20 starting in August 2022 and graduating in November. The historical graduation rate from recruit school is approximately 75 percent. If 2022 results are consistent with past results, SFD will add approximately 60 new firefighters in 2022.

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Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Add \$1.5M GF to SFD for 20 additional firefighter recruits		0	0	SFD - FD000	SFD - BO-FD-F3000 - Operations	00100 - General Fund	2022	\$0	\$1,466,000