

# 2022 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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**Budget Action Title:** Proviso \$53,000 in HSD for childcare facility improvements in the University District

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

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Council Bill or Resolution:

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**Budget Action Description:**

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would impose a proviso on the Human Services Department (HSD) that restricts \$53,000 so that it may only be used to fund physical improvements to a childcare facility in the University District, such as University Temple Children’s School (UTCS) located at UHeights.

UTCS is an early learning and childcare organization that relocated to UHeights after being displaced from their former location in the University District. This funding would provide \$53,000 to make improvements to the facility, including installing a voice fire alarm, installing ramps and handrails to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and upgrading the HVAC system to meet state requirements. These improvements would allow organizations such as UTCS to renew a state childcare license and increase early learning slots from 105 to 175. Half of the new slots would be reserved for families who qualify for state subsidies.

The 2022 Proposed Budget includes \$200,000 for childcare facilities, in addition to \$5.0 million of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery funds added to HSD’s 2021 Adopted Budget in June (ORD 126371). According to the October 2021 Seattle Rescue Plan Spending Report, none of the \$5.0 million for childcare facilities has been spent to date and, if unspent in 2021, will carry forward for spending in 2022.

This CBA would impose the following proviso:

“Of the appropriation in the Human Service Department’s 2022 Budget for Supporting Affordability and Livability Budget Summary Level (HSD-BO-HS-H1000), at least \$53,000 is appropriated solely for childcare facility improvements in buildings occupied primarily by nonprofit organizations in the University District and may be spent for no other purpose.”