

# 2020 Seattle City Council Budget Action

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**Budget Action Title:** Add \$113,077 GF and 1.0 FTE paralegal position to LAW for a Domestic Violence technology expert

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No

Primary Sponsor: Abel Pacheco

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Asha Venkataraman

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)
<b>General Fund</b>		
<b>General Fund Revenues</b>	\$0	
<b>General Fund Expenditures</b>	\$113,077	
<b>Net Balance Effect</b>	<b>\$(113,077)</b>	
<b>Total Budget Balance Effect</b>	<b>\$(113,077)</b>	

## Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action adds \$113,077 GF and 1.0 FTE for a paralegal to the City Attorney's Office (LAW) to be a domestic violence technology expert. This includes \$111,077 in ongoing funding and \$2,000 in one-time funding for equipment and office setup. This paralegal will assist the domestic violence unit with prosecution of cases addressing technology-related instances of abuse by adding capacity for collecting technology-based evidence, working with victims, and serving as an expert witness.

LAW's DV Unit currently consists of ten FTEs, along with nine DV victim advocates. None of the positions have specialized expertise in how abusers use technology to abuse their victims and currently the unit does not have the capacity or resources to dedicate to obtaining electronic data to identify abusers and validate evidence for prosecution. The intent of this position and funding is to help fill that gap.

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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 one time funding for equipment costs		0	0	LAW - LW000	LAW - BO-LW-J1500 - Criminal	00100 - General Fund	2020	\$0	\$2,000
2	Add ongoing funding for licensing and training costs		0	0	LAW - LW000	LAW - BO-LW-J1500 - Criminal	00100 - General Fund	2020	\$0	\$1,000
3	Pocket Adjustments		0	0	LAW - LW000	LAW - BO-LW-J1500 - Criminal	00100 - General Fund	2020	\$0	\$110,077
4	Pocket Adjustments	Paralegal - Law	1	1	LAW - LW000	LAW - BO-LW-J1500 - Criminal	00100 - General Fund	2020	\$0	\$0