

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

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1. BILL SUMMARY

- a. **Legislation Title:** An ordinance relating to a Community Service Officer (CSO) program; amending Ordinance 125724, which adopted the 2019 budget; lifting a proviso; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.
- b. **Summary and background of the Legislation:** This legislation lifts a budget proviso placed on the appropriation authority provided for the Seattle Police Department's CSO program. The proviso in Green Sheet 38-5-A-2-2019 restricts the 2019 appropriation for the SPD budget so that no more than \$653,000 may be spent on the CSO program until the department submits a report responsive to several deployment considerations, consistent with Council's understanding of the program's racial equity toolkit process and broader community engagement. The full cost of the program in 2019 is projected to be \$1.3 million.

The Executive's Community Service Officer Inter-Departmental Team (IDT), a work group consisting of staff from SPD the City Council, the Mayor's Office, the Office of Civil Rights, the Human Services Department, the Department of Neighborhoods, the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, the Community Police Commission and the City Budget Office led a thorough, collaborative community engagement process and have documented the community input that contributed to every aspect of the CSO program development. The IDT submitted on April 17, 2019 a Community Service Officer Report to the Chair of the Gender Equity, Safe Communities, New Americans and Education Committee. SPD is in the process of implementing the program and expects that full implementation will occur in the fourth quarter of 2019.

Because the funding is already appropriated to SPD in the 2019 Adopted Budget, there is no fiscal impact created by removing the proviso.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- a. **Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?** ___ Yes X No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- a. **Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget?** X Yes ___ No
If there are no changes to appropriations, revenues, or positions, please delete the table below.
- b. **Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?**
If so, describe the nature of the impacts. This could include increased operating and maintenance costs, for example.

No

c. Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

Estimate the costs to the City of not implementing the legislation, including estimated costs to maintain or expand an existing facility or the cost avoidance due to replacement of an existing facility, potential conflicts with regulatory requirements, or other potential costs or consequences.

Seattle citizens will not benefit from the services that might otherwise be provided by SPD's Community Service Officers, and the prohibition of the use of funds that are appropriated in the Seattle Police Department to advance public safety.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

No.

b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

Yes.

c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?

No property is involved with this legislation.

d. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No publication of notice is required for this legislation.

e. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

This legislation does not impact any property.

f. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?

SPD has included in its final report information on the racial equity toolkit process that was conducted in partnership with the Seattle Office for Civil Rights in 2017. The Department indicates that it is committed to serving communities of color and immigrant and refugee populations with a culturally competent approach. SPD has also indicated that the CSO unit will build on engagement strategies that are already in effect in neighborhoods with a high representation of people of color or unsheltered individuals.

At the request of a Patrol Officer, a CSO may respond to evaluate the needs of a community member, including unsheltered individuals, and connect them with relevant

services and programs, such as emergency housing services. In our community, African Americans are five times more likely to experience homelessness and Native Americans/Alaska Natives are seven times more likely to experience homelessness than whites. Persons experiencing homelessness are often some of the most vulnerable in our community, as a significant number also have disabilities, mental health and substance abuse conditions. The intersections of race, poverty, disability and behavioral health result in an extremely disadvantaged community.

g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s)?

The Department has indicated that the CSO program goals are to: 1) Build Stronger Community, 2) Enhance Trust between Seattle Communities and the Police Department, 3) Exert a Positive Influence on Police Officers and the Department, and 4) Advance Race and Social Justice. The proviso release will allow SPD to fully implement the program in 2019.

h. Other Issues:

- None

List attachments/exhibits below:

Attachment 1 – Executive IDT response to City Council Regarding Green Sheet 38-5-A-2-2019.