

2020 Seattle City Council Budget Action

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Budget Action Title: Cut \$170,000 from Finance General Reserves for high-barrier probation, add \$170,000 GF to OCR for criminal legal system outreach and engagement, impose two provisos on OCR and impose a proviso on Finance General Reserves

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

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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)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$0	
Net Balance Effect	\$0	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$0	

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action would cut \$170,000 in Finance General Reserves intended to support creation of a probation pilot for high-barrier individuals in Seattle Municipal Court (SMC). It would add \$170,000 to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) to conduct outreach and engagement related to criminal legal system alignment and implementation efforts. The Council Budget Action would also impose three provisos.

The Mayor's 2020 Proposed Budget includes \$2.9 million in Finance General Reserves for four pilots proposed by the High-Barrier Individuals Working Group that are intended to address high-barrier individuals and their involvement in the criminal justice system. Of this amount, \$170,000 is intended to support a high-barrier individuals probation program.

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This Council Budget Action would impose the following provisos:

"None of the money appropriated in the 2020 Budget in Finance General Reserves may be spent on a probation pilot for high-barrier individuals until both (a) Seattle Municipal Court has submitted to the Chair of the committee with jurisdiction over public safety the report requested in Statement of Legislative Intent CJ-7-A-2 and (b) the City Auditor has submitted the report requested in Statement of Legislative Intent CJ-1-B-1."

"Of the appropriation in the 2020 budget for the Office for Civil Rights, \$30,000 is appropriated solely for community engagement sessions led by the Office for Civil Rights and the Legislative Department and may be spent for no other purpose. These funds are intended to support the Council's criminal legal system alignment work to engage with stakeholders, including persons currently or formerly incarcerated and communities most impacted by the criminal legal system, and staff in relevant City departments, including the City Attorney's Office, Seattle Municipal Court, and the Criminal Justice Equity Team. Furthermore, none of the money so appropriated may be spent until authorized by future ordinance. Council anticipates that such authority will not be granted until the Office for Civil Rights provides to the chair of the committee with jurisdiction over public safety a plan for how the money will be spent for this purpose."

"Of the appropriation in the 2020 budget for the Office for Civil Rights, \$140,000 is appropriated solely for partnership, outreach, and engagement related to criminal legal system alignment, strategic plan development, and implementation efforts, including the work described in Council Budget Action CJ-2-B-2, Council Budget Action CJ-3-A-2, and Statement of Legislative Intent CJ-21-A-2 and may be used for no other purpose. Furthermore, none of the money so appropriated may be spent until authorized by future ordinance. Council anticipates that such authority will not be granted until the Office for Civil Rights provides to the chair of the committee with jurisdiction over public safety a plan for how the money will be spent for this purpose."

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Cut high barrier probation pilot support		0	0	FG - FG000	FG - BO-FG-2QD00 - Reserves	00100 - General Fund	2020	\$0	\$(170,000)
2	Add funds for CJ outreach and engagement		0	0	OCR - CR000	OCR - BO-CR-X1R00 - Civil Rights	00100 - General Fund	2020	\$0	\$170,000