Scofflaw Mitigation Project Request for Funding 2020 Seattle budget

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We submit this budget request to fund the Scofflaw Mitigation Team work for the 2021 budget. Our work involves responding to requests sent to us by Seattle Parking Enforcement to mitigate offenses to the Scofflaw Ordinance (4+ tickets) for those living in vehicles (i.e. indigent), and work with referrals and in partnership with the Seattle Municipal Court to cure offenses. This mitigation includes partial payment of fines, full payment only in exceptional cases (involving vehicle resident children), and the attendant issues that include payment plan deposits, payments to allow following laws, and/or to restore non-offending status. When funded this program would become the most comprehensive intentional outreach to lived-in vehicle residents in Seattle, with weekly hours not dedicated to Scofflaw Mitigation outlined to address efforts that include vehicle residents in pathways to stable housing.

We request:

•	Coverable fines/fees (determined by Municipal Court)	\$ 25,000
•	Minor vehicle repairs for mobility to accommodate required laws	25,000
•	Licensing issues, registration	25,000
•	Insurance	15,000
	Fuel	10,500
•	DL renewals	15,000
•	Phones/Minutes	7,500
•	Bus passes (court appointments, etc)	5,000
•	Food cards	5,000
•	Other, to be determined, as unmet needs arise	2,500
•	Outreach worker travel allowance	4,500
	Outreach staff contract stipends (\$25/hour, 30 hrs/wk)	39,000
•	Lead staff and administration	21,000

Total \$200,000

This is a program within the Interfaith Task Force on Homelessness (501-c-3) in partnership with the Ballard Community Taskforce on Homelessness and Hunger (neighborhood partner). We have performed this Scofflaw outreach since 2011 in full partnership with the Seattle Parking Enforcement and the Seattle Municipal Court, and secondarily in partnership with LEAD and REACH. To date the project has been performed by volunteers.

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