

2020 Seattle City Council Budget Action

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Budget Action Title: Add \$775,000 GF (one-time) to HSD to create a rental assistance pilot, impose a proviso, and cut \$75,000 GF (one-time) from Council Budget Action HOM-12-B-1

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Lorena González

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Jeff Simms

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	\$700,000	
Net Balance Effect	\$(700,000)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(700,000)	

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action (CBA) adds \$775,000 GF in one-time funding to the Human Services Department (HSD) to create and evaluate a rental assistance pilot for individuals who 1) are age 50 or older, 2) have income limited to federal disability benefits, specifically Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), that is no more than \$1,000 per month, and 3) are at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness.

CBA HOM-13-B-1 added \$700,000 for this pilot program. This action cuts the \$75,000 (GF) proposed in HOM-12-B-1 for a smart wallet program for individuals experiencing homelessness and redirects it to increase the funding for this pilot program to \$775,000.

The pilot will provide up to one-year of rental assistance and is estimated to serve as many as 70-100

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households. The program will prioritize households who have become or are at-risk of becoming homeless and have transitioned from Washington's Housing and Essential Needs or Aged, Blind and Disabled assistance programs onto SSI or SSDI, receiving benefits of less than \$1,000 per month. The program will also provide light case management services. HSD will convene a stakeholder group by January 10, 2020 consisting of representatives of community-based organizations with subject matter expertise, the Office of Housing, the Legislative Department, and other relevant stakeholders to refine the pilot's target population, subsidy levels, and other operational details. The request for proposals and associated process to award these funds should be carried out as early as possible in 2020.

The Budget Action also imposes the following proviso:

"Of the appropriations in the 2020 Budget for the Addressing Homelessness BSL, \$775,000 is appropriated solely to provide rental assistance and related services for no more than 12 months to disabled individuals over the age of 50 who are homeless or at-risk of experiencing homelessness related to a transition onto federal disability programs and to evaluate the effects of that program and may be spent for no other purpose."

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Decrease appropriation for HOM-12-B-1		0	0	HSD - HS000	HSD - BO-HS-H3000 - Addressing Homelessness	00100 - General Fund	2020	\$0	\$(75,000)
2	Increase appropriation for rental assistance		0	0	HSD - HS000	HSD - BO-HS-H3000 - Addressing Homelessness	00100 - General Fund	2020	\$0	\$775,000