

Budget Deliberations & Issue Identification Community Safety & Violence Prevention

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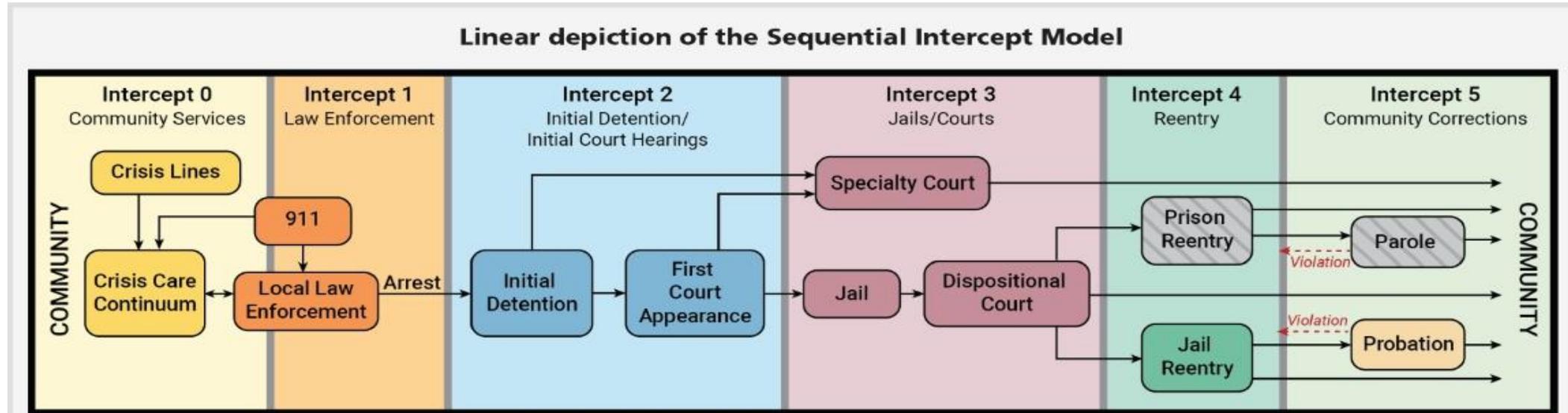


Budget Summary (\$ in 000s)

	2020 Adopted	2021 Proposed	% Change
Appropriations by Intercept			
Operating			
Community Services/Prevention (Intercept 0)	\$5,119	\$5,611	9.6%
Non-law enforcement response (Intercept 0.5)	\$803	\$978	21.8%
Law Enforcement (Intercept 1)	\$1,776	\$1,776	0%
Total Appropriations¹	\$7,698	\$8,349	8.5%
Revenues			
General Fund	\$7,698	\$8,349	8.5%
Total Revenues	\$7,698	\$8,349	8.5%



Intercept Model



Source: Abreu et al., 2017. Used by permission.

CSOs Nurse Call Line	CRU CI-trained officers	Pre-filing diversion: Choose 180	Community Court Pre-trial specialty courts	Re-rooting Indigenous Community Healing	Transformed probation
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Intercept 0: Community Services/Prevention

- Crime Prevention Coordinators (CPCs)
- Community Service Officers (CSOs)
- Community Critical Incident Responders
- Community Crime Prevention
- Nurse Call Line
- On-site Nurses



Intercept 0.5: Non-law Enforcement Government Response

- Health One (Seattle Fire Department)
- DESC Mobile Crisis Team
- Crisis Connections One Call



Intercept 1: Law Enforcement Response

- Crisis Response Unit
- Crisis Intervention (CI) Trained Officers
- Emergency Services Patrol (King County)



Changes in the 2021 Proposed Budget

1. Moving 911 to the Seattle Emergency Communications Center
2. Moving Parking Enforcement to SDOT
3. Safe and Thriving Communities Division
4. Expansion of Health One
5. Investment in BIPOC Communities, Research and Capacity Building, and Community Engagement



Funding for community-related investment, research, and engagement

Amount	Dept.	Purpose
\$3,000	LEG	Community research
\$14,000	HSD	Services, capacity building \$4M ready for abbreviated RFP process for currently funded community safety programs with an aim to scale-up, amend contracts, and expand services as soon as possible \$10M waiting for a community process to develop an RFP for capacity building for programs and agencies to carry out new or expanded safety related efforts; HSD to bring plan to Council for proviso lift.
\$500	DON	Funding community engagement to provide recommendations for alternative public safety models and new investments as proposed for the ECI. To be used by the CSWG for facilitation and engagement, translation and interpretation, and payment to participants.
\$2,000	HSD	Joint Community Safety IDT Team to advise upon and implement policies to reinvent policing and re-imagine community safety in the City of Seattle by centering the experiences of BIPOC communities.
\$100,000	FG	Recommendations by a community driven process, organized by a community task force planned to begin in the fall of 2020. The task force will focus on up-stream investments for BIPOC communities to address disparities and make meaningful changes that can be measured by community progress. The task force will be comprised of BIPOC community leaders who will engage with community, with support from city departments.



Issue Identification (1/3)

1. The City's Community Safety and Violence Prevention Response

- Governmental function compared to the function of community-based services;
- Within the scope of the governmental functions, law enforcement and non-law enforcement; and
- Within law enforcement, sworn officers and non-sworn officers.

Options:

- A. Expand Intercept 0 services to attempt to decrease opportunities for law enforcement intervention (Intercept 1).
- B. Expand Intercept 0.5 services to increase the non-law enforcement responses to public calls for service and attempt to decrease law enforcement response.
- C. Expand Intercept 1 law enforcement responses that are paired with crisis response to mitigate the presence of law enforcement.
- D. No action



Issue Identification (2/3)

2. Health One Expansion

Dispatch protocol and overlap with community engagement.

Options:

- A. Appropriate additional funds to expand Health One while adding a proviso restricting those funds until the Executive revamps its dispatch protocol.
- B. Set aside the proposed funding addition in Finance General reserves until the community-based groups report on their recommendations.
- C. No action.



Issue Identification (3/3)

3. Lack of RSJI Lens and Duplicating Community Efforts

Need to assess alignment of Executive Order 2020-10 and actions in the 2021 Proposed Budget with racial equity principles to prevent perpetuating further structural racism.

Options:

- A. Proviso the \$100 million Equitable Communities Initiative, \$500,000 allocated to DON in the 3Q Supplemental budget, and/or the \$2 million in HSD pending completion of an RET on the source of revenue for the \$100 million, process for allocation, and community engagement.
- B. Do not allocate the funding for the purposes described in Option A and allocate them to Council priorities.
- C. Restore \$1.08 million to OCR for criminal legal system alternatives.
- D. Restore \$30 million to the Strategic Investment Fund.
- E. No action.



Budget Actions Proposed by Councilmembers (1/4)

1. **Consider passage of legislation allowing dismissal of crimes of poverty (Councilmember Herbold)** - This proposal would amend the criminal code to revise the definition of defense against prosecution because an individual was under "duress" and include as a de minimis charge crimes committed due to poverty or if an individual is having a behavioral health incident. A reduction in County Jail services could result if these cases are dismissed and do not result in sentencing to jail.

2. **Report on Referrals to Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program (Councilmember Herbold)** - This proposal would request that HSD deliver a report to the Council calculating the funding needed to meet the City's "commitment to ensuring that law enforcement pre-arrest diversion programs, such as LEAD, receive public funding sufficient to accept all priority qualifying referrals citywide," as stated in [Resolution 31916](#). The report should include forecasts of the number and type of priority qualifying referrals, including social referrals with or without law enforcement and arrest referrals, and estimate the funding necessary to support pre-arrest diversion services for those referrals citywide in 2021, 2022, and 2023. The proposal would request that HSD engage or coordinate with the LEAD Policy Coordinating Group to prepare the report.



Budget Actions Proposed by Councilmembers (2/4)

3. **Add funding for commercial sexual exploitation services (Councilmember Juarez)** - This proposal would add \$80,000 to HSD to contract with a non-profit organization, such as Aurora Commons, to provide advocacy, client assistance, women's drop-in services and gender-based violence services to those facing homelessness, those exploited by sex trafficking, and sex workers.

4. **Add funding for domestic violence and sexual assault programming for the Native community (Councilmember Lewis)** - This proposal would add \$100,000 to HSD to contract for a domestic violence and sexual assault program administered by a native-led organization providing culturally appropriate services for the American Indian/Alaska Native community, such as Chief Seattle Club. This funding will support a case manager who will conduct outreach and be a dedicated advocate for American Indian/Alaska Native women facing domestic violence/sexual assault.



Budget Actions Proposed by Councilmembers (3/4)

5. **Add funding for reentry programming for the Native community (Councilmember Lewis)** - This proposal would add \$50,000 to HSD to increase contract funding for a reentry program led by a native-led organization providing culturally appropriate services for the American Indian/Alaska Native community, such as Chief Seattle Club. This program was awarded \$125,000 for the program from July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022 as part of the Reentry/Rerooting Indigenous Community Healing RFP and the 2021 Budget includes \$50,950 for the program.

6. **Add funding to SFD for a nurse (Councilmember Lewis)** - This proposal would add funds and authorize a new FTE in SFD for a pilot or continuing position for a 911 consulting nurse. This nurse would help to triage incoming calls and provide medical advice.

7. **Add funding to expand Health One (Councilmember Lewis)** - This proposal would add funds to staff a third Health One team. In addition to the expansion in the 2021 Proposed Budget from one to two teams, this proposal would increase Health One from one team in 2020 to three teams in 2021.



Budget Actions Proposed by Councilmembers (3/4)

8. **Expand Health One (Councilmember Mosqueda)** - This proposal would add four firefighters/EMTs, with two starting in July 2021; transfer three social workers with case management of diverse needs from HSD to SFD; add two case managers starting July 2021, with one providing administrative support; and acquire an additional vehicle.
9. **Draft legislation to establish a Community Oversight Board (Councilmember Sawant)** - This proposal would request that LAW research and prepare draft legislation to enable the City to establish an elected Community Oversight Board with full powers over police accountability, including the power to investigate reports of excessive force and racially biased policing, to subpoena witnesses and evidence, and to fire or otherwise discipline officers. The draft should include any needed Council Bill, voter referendum, or charter amendment.



Questions?

Budget Timeline

FALL 2020

