

# 2021 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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**Budget Action Title:** Cut \$10 million from FG for Equitable Communities Initiative, add \$10 million to HSD for community-led public safety investments, and impose a proviso

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

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Council Members: Kshama Sawant, Lorena González

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Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	TM	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

## Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2021 Increase (Decrease)	2022 Increase (Decrease)
<b>General Fund</b>		
<b>General Fund Revenues</b>	\$0	
<b>General Fund Expenditures</b>	\$0	
<b>Net Balance Effect</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
<b>Total Budget Balance Effect</b>	<b>\$0</b>	

## Budget Action Description:

This budget action would cut \$10,000,000 from the 2021 Finance General budget for the Equitable Communities Initiative and add \$10,000,000 to the Human Services Department (HSD) for community-led public safety programs.

Ordinance 126148 appropriated \$4,000,000 for community-led investments such as the Seattle's Community Safety Initiative and \$10,000,000 for scaling up community-led organizations, including technical support and capacity building to increase public safety in the 2020 Budget. According to the Mayor's office, the \$4,000,000 investment will be distributed to community organizations in 2020, however the process to distribute the \$10,000,000 investment will not be completed by the end of 2020 and the appropriation will lapse.

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This Council Budget Action would impose the following budget proviso:

“Of the appropriations in the 2021 budget for the Human Service Department’s (HSD’s) Supporting Safe Communities (HSD-BO-HS-H4000) Budget Summary Level, \$10 million is appropriated solely for community-led efforts to scale up organizations to increase public safety through technical support and capacity building (including HSD’s associated administrative costs) and may be spent for no other purpose, notwithstanding powers provided to the Mayor by Section 3 of the Proclamation of Civil Emergency dated March 3, 2020.

These funds are intended to support the Council’s re-imagining of community safety work. Funded organizations engaging in community safety should share some or all of the following characteristics: Culturally relevant expertise rooted in community connections and support, experience in de-escalation skills and mental health support, experience with peer-led models, engages in a trauma-informed, gender-affirming, anti-racist praxis, exhibits connection to resources like housing, food security, and other basic needs of wrap-around services and long term support, staffing includes social service professionals, staffing includes individuals with lived experiences of the criminal justice system, and/or demonstrate commitment to harm-reduction model that includes safer consumption practices. The Council requests that the Mayor provide the Chair of the Public Safety and Human Services Committee with a report identifying the selected organizations.”

### Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Cut \$10,000,000 one-time GF from Finance General		0	0	FG - FG000	FG - BO-FG-2QD00 - General Purpose	00100 - General Fund	2021	\$0	\$(10,000,000)
2	Add \$10,000,000 one-time GF to Supporting Safe Communities BSL		0	0	HSD - HS000	HSD - BO-HS-H4000 - Supporting Safe Communities	00100 - General Fund	2021	\$0	\$10,000,000