

2021 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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Budget Action Title: Add \$200,000 GF to HSD to increase harm reduction programs and impose a proviso

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

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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)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$200,000	
Net Balance Effect	\$(200,000)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(200,000)	

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action would add \$200,000 GF to the Human Services Department's (HSD's) 2021 budget to increase services and harm reduction programs at social service agencies that serve people who use drugs daily, such as Aurora Commons, the Hepatitis Education Project, and REACH. The proposed increase would allow social service providers to expand hours, increase staff, expand to additional locations, provide peer and community outreach, implement good neighbor agreements for syringe pickup, provide participant incentives, explore Medicaid reimbursement for services, and make safety improvements. The expansion of these services would build on recommendations of the Heroin and Prescription Opiate Addiction Task Force and subsequent requests from collaborative groups, such as Just Access to Health.

This budget action is funded by a \$1.4 million reduction to Finance General in the 2020 3rd Quarter Supplemental effectuated by CBA BLG-002-B-001. These funds were appropriated in the 2018 and 2019

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Adopted Budgets for a Community Health Engagement Location (CHEL), but have not yet been spent. The cut will be used in the 2021 Budget for the following investments: \$1.12 million for health services for drug users (HSD 009-A-002), \$200,000 for Harm Reduction Programs (HSD-050-A-002), and \$80,000 for Commercial Sexual Exploitation Services (HSD-007-A-002).

This action would impose the following proviso:

“Of the appropriations in the Human Services Department’s 2021 Budget for the Promoting Public Health Budget Summary Level (HSD-BO-HS-H7000) in the General Fund (00100), \$200,000 is appropriated solely to increase services, staffing, and programs at social service agencies serving people who use drugs daily, 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	Increase appropriation for harm reduction programs		0	0	HSD - HS000	HSD - BO-HS-H7000 - Promoting Public Health	00100 - General Fund	2021	\$0	\$200,000