

2022 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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Budget Action Title: Add \$200,000 GF in DON for a Guaranteed Basic Income Program and impose a proviso

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

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Council Members: Tammy Morales, Dan Strauss, Teresa Mosqueda

Staff Analyst: Karina Bull

Council Bill or Resolution:

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

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2022 Increase (Decrease)	2023 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 (CBA) would (1) add \$200,000 GF to the Department of Neighborhoods (DON) to develop a pilot Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) program that would be implemented by no later than 2023, and (2) impose a proviso.

GBI programs seek to reduce poverty and foster racial equity by providing individuals with guaranteed cash payments on a regular basis. The cash payments are meant to supplement, rather than replace, existing social safety nets. Recently, over 17 Mayors, including the City of Seattle Mayor, have joined the “Mayors for a Guaranteed Income,” a group that advocates for GBI by supporting pilot programs across the country. This CBA anticipates research and evaluation of these and other GBI programs to inform the development of a Seattle GBI pilot. The pilot would not restrict participation based on employment or immigration status.

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This CBA would impose the following proviso:

“Of the appropriations in the 2022 budget for the Department of Neighborhoods’ Resources for Wealth Education program (PO-DN-13334) Community Building Budget Summary Level, \$200,000 is appropriated solely to develop a pilot Guaranteed Basic Income 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	Guaranteed Basic Income plan		0	0	DON - DN000	DON - BO-DN-13300 - Community Building	00100 - General Fund	2022	\$0	\$200,000