

# 2022 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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HSD	053	B	001

**Budget Action Title:** Add \$2.5 million GF to HSD to expand mobile mental and behavioral health crisis services

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

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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)
<b>General Fund</b>		
<b>General Fund Revenues</b>	\$0	
<b>General Fund Expenditures</b>	\$2,500,000	
<b>Net Balance Effect</b>	<b>\$(2,500,000)</b>	
<b>Total Budget Balance Effect</b>	<b>\$(2,500,000)</b>	

### Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action would add \$2.5 million GF to the Human Services Department (HSD) to expand mobile mental health crisis services and follow-up, such as the Mobile Crisis Team (MCT) operated by DESC and the behavioral health response teams currently operated by DESC. The expansion of services would be carried out in a way that increases the ability of community members and behavioral health providers to summon support for people in a mental or behavioral health crisis without engaging first responders.

Currently, DESC operates three MCTs across King County, which dispatch to a person in crisis at the request of first responders, Crisis Connections, and Designated Crisis Responders. The existing two MCTs deploying across Seattle cost approximately \$2 million.

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In the 2021 Adopted Budget, Seattle provided \$1 million for MCTs, this filled the shortfall in revenue from the County's Mental Illness and Drug Dependency sales tax (MIDD) for existing positions and allowed DESC to add 4.0 FTE to create two Behavioral Health Response Teams (BHRTs). MCTs only meet with the person in crisis on the day they are deployed to establish a plan to provide care for the individual in crisis and do not typically meet with the individual again. BHRTs follow-up with that individual the next day and may have continuing engagements for up to a few months. In total, the MCTs and BHRTs across Seattle and King County cost approximately \$4.4 million annually.

## Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Increase appropriation to expand mobile mental and behavioral health crisis services and follow-up		0	0	HSD - HS000	HSD - BO-HS-H7000 - Promoting Public Health	00100 - General Fund	2022	\$0	\$2,500,000