

# 2021 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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**Budget Action Title:** Add \$1,218,000 GF to HSD to increase homelessness outreach services

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	BC	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>	\$1,218,000	
<b>Net Balance Effect</b>	<b>\$(1,218,000)</b>	
<b>Total Budget Balance Effect</b>	<b>\$(1,218,000)</b>	

## Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action would add \$1,218,000 GF to the Human Services Department's (HSD's) 2021 budget to expand homelessness outreach and engagement services and provide flexible financial assistance for serving people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Of the \$1,218,000 GF this action would add, \$768,000 GF would support a contract to provide homelessness outreach services citywide using a neighborhood-specific approach that allows outreach workers to develop relationships with unsheltered individuals over an extended period of time. To the degree possible, the neighborhood outreach workers providing services through this contract would reflect the communities to be served, including Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) individuals who have lived experience of homelessness, and have specific training related to mental and behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment. Neighborhood outreach workers would conduct proactive outreach and engagement; build trusting relationships with people who are unsheltered; work with the unsheltered to develop and implement individualized plans to access housing and stabilize; assess eligibility for and facilitate

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connections to housing and other services; and support community health and safety, including community clean-up activities. To the degree possible, neighborhood outreach workers would provide problem-solving, education, and information to businesses, Business Improvement Associations (BIAs), and community members in the neighborhoods where they are active.

Through this investment, it is expected that approximately 7.0 FTE would be hired at a homelessness services agency. The neighborhood outreach workers funded through this resource would coordinate with other regional neighborhood outreach workers to ensure geographic coverage throughout Seattle, provide additional capacity focused on work with people who are unsheltered and have high needs, and work in underserved neighborhoods in areas with high unmet needs. Neighborhood outreach workers would work with specialized population-focused and skill-based outreach staff to bring necessary health, behavioral health or culturally relevant services to people in their respective areas.

Three FTEs would cover underserved neighborhoods, including West Seattle, Delridge, South Park, and the Rainier Valley; two FTEs would cover Lake City; and two FTEs would cover Northwest Seattle. The overall goal would be to provide added capacity to serve Seattle neighborhoods where populations that are overrepresented among people experiencing homelessness live, including people who are sheltered, unsheltered, or housed.

The remaining \$450,000 of the \$1,218,000 GF would be used by all homelessness outreach and engagement agencies to provide assistance to individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness, including but not limited to flexible financial assistance, case management, behavioral health services, and housing navigation. The total increase of this action would be slightly more than the funding provided by the Council for these services in 2020 through CB 119942.

## Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Increase appropriation for homelessness outreach contracts		0	0	HSD - HS000	HSD - BO-HS-H3000 - Addressing Homelessness	00100 - General Fund	2021	\$0	\$1,218,000