

2023 Budget Exceptions Ordinance Summary Detail Table

Item #	Title	Description	Amount/FTE
Section 1 – Appropriation Increases			
1.1	Facilities Exception (Department of Finance and Administrative Services)	This item provides a retroactive appropriation increase of \$729,487 amount for the Department of Finance and Administrative Services to pay unanticipated expenses from the Finance & Admin Services Fund, Facilities Services Budget Control Level (50300-BO-FA-FACILITY) for various emergent projects, mostly repairs, that have become increasingly frequent due to buildings falling behind on maintenance and expensive due to inflation and deferred asset management. Emergent maintenance projects increasing expenditures in 2023 include repair of water intrusion at harbor patrol, HVAC motors at City Hall, elevator recall issues at City Hall, and replacement of a control unit at Airport Way. Aside from emergent repairs, FAS was also tasked with building out office space for the CARE response team in SMT. This will be funded by 50300 fund balance as these expenditures were due to general maintenance and repairs and thus not billable to tenants for the additional expense. The Department will continue to closely monitor available resources and prioritize ongoing maintenance and repair needs as they emerge.	\$729,487
1.2	Exception for Labor Costs (Ethics and Elections Commission)	This item provides a retroactive appropriation increase of \$52,887 for Ethics and Elections to pay unanticipated costs in the Ethics and Elections BSL due to labor cost increases. These include overtime costs to prepare for the special election in 2024 that will occur due to the departure of a councilmember; a reclassification of one position that increased costs; two pay raises to align the Strategic Advisors I pay rates within the department; and two part time positions that have high hourly rates due to their length of service with the City.	\$52,887
1.3	Budget Exception for Industrial Insurance Fund (Seattle Department of Human Resources)	This item provides a retroactive appropriation increase of \$8,290,867 for the Industrial Insurance Fund (IIF) in Seattle Human Resources to pay unanticipated costs due to high volumes of pension payouts from the fund.	\$8,290,867

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1.4	Budget Exception for Sediments Capital Program in SPU (Seattle Public Utilities)	This item provides a retroactive appropriation increase of \$297,836 for Seattle Public Utilities to pay unanticipated costs in the Drainage and Wastewater Fund Sediments Budget Control Level due to increased engineering requirements from the EPA. This will not have an impact on the Drainage and Wastewater fund due to underspending in other capital projects. In the future, the budget in this BCL will be adjusted more conservatively in order to avoid exceptions.	\$297,836
1.5	Budget Exception for General Expense in Seattle Public Utilities (Seattle Public Utilities)	This item provides a retroactive appropriation increase of \$3,317,566 for Seattle Public Utilities to pay unanticipated costs in the Solid Waste Fund General Expense Budget Control Level due to inflationary adjustments to the Solid Waste Major Service contracts. This impact has been taken into account for the Solid Waste fund and will not impact its performance on its financial policies. In the future, the budget in this BCL will be adjusted more conservatively in order to avoid exceptions.	\$3,317,566
1.6	Budget Exception for Utility Services and Operations in Seattle Public Utilities (Seattle Public Utilities)	This item provides a retroactive appropriation increase of \$128,411 for Seattle Public Utilities to pay unanticipated costs in the Water Fund Utility Services and Operations Budget Control Level due to reimbursable work projected to take place in 2022 that was delayed into 2023. This will not impact the Water Fund as services are being reimbursed. This budget line item will be examined in the future to determine if an increase is needed to avoid future exceptions.	\$128,411
Section 2 – Proviso Removal			
2.1	2023 Proviso Lift on Jail Funds (Finance and Administrative Services)	This item provides a retroactive proviso lift of \$1,070,000 for Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) in the Jail Services Budget Control Level (FAS-BO-FA-JAILSVCS) related to a 2023 proviso FAS-003-A-002. Adequate appropriations to pay the City’s contractual obligation to King County exist in the 2023 Jail Services BSL. The proviso requested the Executive to negotiate an agreement between the City and King County addressing how funds from decreased jail bed usage would be used or a statement that no agreement was reached. That formal agreement did not materialize in 2023 and the proviso needs to be lifted in order for the City to have the legal budget to meet its contractual obligation. The Executive continues to work with King County on these jail issues.	

