

# 2023 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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HSD	004	B	001-2023

**Budget Action Title:** Add \$1.25 million GF (2023) to HSD for abortion access

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Tammy Morales

Council Members: Kshama Sawant, Teresa Mosqueda

Staff Analyst: Karina Bull

Council Bill or Resolution:

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

## Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2023 Increase (Decrease)	2024 Increase (Decrease)
<b>General Fund</b>		
<b>General Fund Revenues</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>General Fund Expenditures</b>	\$1,250,000	\$0
<b>Net Balance Effect</b>	<b>\$(1,250,000)</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Budget Balance Effect</b>	<b>\$(1,250,000)</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would add \$1.25 million GF in 2023 (one-time) to the Human Services Department (HSD) to fund abortion access.

These funds would be used to invest in an organization that funds abortion access and provides travel support. Council has identified the Northwest Abortion Access Fund (NWAAF) for this funding and requests that the HSD Director waive the requirements of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) subsection 3.20.050.B, as authorized by SMC subsection 3.20.050.C. The NWAAF funds abortion access for people traveling within, to, or from the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington by sending vouchers directly to clinics and coordinating payment and/or logistics of transportation and lodging.

The 2023-2024 Proposed Budget includes \$250,000 of ongoing appropriations to fund expanded access to reproductive healthcare by investing in NWAAF through the City's public health contract with King

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County, Public Health-Seattle & King County (PHSKC). This proposal would significantly increase the City's investment in the NWAAF from \$250,000 to \$1.5 million in 2023 to support abortion care for local patients and an expected influx of out-of-state patients seeking abortion access in Seattle following the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* that overruled the constitutional right to an abortion. Although Washington state law protects the right to abortion care, more than 24 states have moved to restrict abortion or ban it altogether following the *Dobbs* decision.

## Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Add GF funds in 2023 (one-time) for abortion access		0	0	HSD - HS000	HSD - BO-HS-H7000 - Promoting Public Health	00100 - General Fund	2023	\$0	\$1,250,000