

2021 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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SPD	015	A	001

Budget Action Title: Cut \$450,000 GF from SPD for contracted mental health providers (MHPs), add \$450,000 GF to HSD and add \$1.0 million GF to HSD for 11 additional MHPs

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Dan Strauss

Council Members: Lisa Herbold, Andrew Lewis

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Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	TM	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)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$1,000,000	
Net Balance Effect	\$(1,000,000)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(1,000,000)	

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would transfer \$450,000 GF from the Seattle Police Department (SPD) to the Human Services Department (HSD) to fund existing contracts with five Mental Health Professionals (MHPs) who work as part of the SPD Crisis Response Unit (CRU). The action would also add \$1.0 million in contract funding to HSD to support the addition of 11 MHPs to the SPD CRU.

SPD currently has one CRU unit, consisting of one MHP and one officer, in each of its five precincts. The teams respond to individuals experiencing both chronic and acute behavioral health issues. When responding to calls involving such issues, the 911 calls most often classified as 'disturbances' in which callers have voiced concerns about the words, actions, or behaviors of those in crisis. When CRU is responding to these types of calls, the primary role of the officer is to ensure overall 'scene safety' and then defer to the MHP's for verbal engagement. SPD has indicated that there are many 911 calls that

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would benefit from a CRU response, but the department does not currently have the staffing resources to expand its CRU call response.

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Add \$450,000 GF and add \$1.0 million GF for additional contracted mental health providers for the SPD Crisis Response Unit		0	0	HSD - HS000	HSD - BO-HS-H4000 - Supporting Safe Communities	00100 - General Fund	2021	\$0	\$1,450,000
2	Cut \$450,000 GF from SPD for contracted mental health providers		0	0	SPD - SP000	SPD - BO-SP-P8000 - Administrative Operations	00100 - General Fund	2021	\$0	\$(450,000)