

# 2021 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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**Budget Action Title:** Impose a proviso to restrict \$2,500,000 Emergency Solutions Grant one-time funding in HSD to acquire a facility for emergency shelter or housing

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

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Council Bill or Resolution:

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**Budget Action Description:**

This Council Budget Action would impose a proviso on \$2,500,000 of the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds in the Human Services Department's (HSD's) 2021 budget. This proviso would restrict \$2.5 million of these one-time funds to be used only to purchase a hotel for use as an emergency shelter or permanent supportive housing. The 2021 Proposed Budget includes \$23,000,000 in ESG funds, using \$13,833,000 to lease hotel rooms for non-congregate shelter, \$8,965,000 for rapid re-housing, and \$687,000 for homeless diversion. Some portion of this allocation would be reduced in order to redirect the funds. Federal guidance unique to this round of ESG funding allows for up to \$2,500,000 to be used for the acquisition of facilities for emergency shelter. Normally, ESG could not be used for acquiring a building for shelter.

This action would impose the following proviso:

"Of the Emergency Solutions Grant appropriations in the Human Services Department's 2021 Budget for the Addressing Homelessness Budget Summary Level (HSD-BO-HS-H3000) in the Human Services Fund (16200), \$2,500,000 is appropriated solely to acquire a hotel to use to provide emergency shelter or housing, and may be spent for no other purpose."