

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

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1. BILL SUMMARY

- a. Legislation Title:** AN ORDINANCE relating to appropriations for the Office for Civil Rights; amending Ordinance 126000, which adopted the 2020 Budget; and lifting provisos.
- b. Summary and background of the Legislation:** This legislation lifts two budget provisos placed on funds in the City’s Office for Civil Rights (OCR) related to the use of funds previously set aside for the High Barrier Workgroup proposals for criminal legal system reform engagement.

The 2020 Adopted City of Seattle budget included \$170,000 of General Fund allocation for Criminal Justice Realignment and community engagement. Council adopted two provisos on these funds, the text of which is found in the legislation.

The Office for Civil Rights proposal for lifting the provisos and distributing these funds is attached to this document.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- a. Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?** ___ Yes X No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget?** ___ Yes ___ No
The legislation removes a proviso Council adopted with the 2020 Budget.
- b. Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?**
No
- c. Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?**
The legislation is needed to lift the provisos to allow OCR to spend the appropriated funding.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
Yes. Council Central Staff and the Office of Economic Development are partners in this proposal.

b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?

No.

d. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No.

e. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No.

f. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?

The three components of this project all adopt a racial equity lens that center Black and Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) communities in the City. Grassroots organizations that will receive funding through this proposal are either Black-led or would serve predominantly BIPOC communities mitigating the risks of COVID 19 transmission. The cohorts of community engagement advisors in the other two components of this proposal will be predominantly BIPOC and systems impacted individuals who are engaged in anti-racist community organizing. Their roles would be to filter and analyze the City's current programs through an anti-racist, racial equity lens.

g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s).

This legislation lifts two provisos on OCR to support critical engagement around criminal legal system alignment and expansion of economic opportunities for formerly incarcerated individuals.

These projects have the following goals:

- Complete work requested under the SLI [CJ-21-A-2](#), tasking OCR and the Office of Economic Development (OED) to work with formerly incarcerated community members to develop strategies around expanding economic opportunities and resources.
- Support the Council's criminal legal system alignment work to engage with stakeholders, including persons currently or formerly incarcerated and communities most impacted by the criminal legal system, and staff in relevant

City departments, including the City Attorney’s Office (CAO), Seattle Municipal Court (SMC), and the Criminal Justice Equity Team (CJET) to assess and evaluate the modifications that the criminal legal system has undergone in recent months, with the purpose of offering recommendations that can further the safety and well-being of impacted populations during: 1) the COVID-19 period; and 2) in preparation for a post-COVID-19 criminal legal system that supports the high barrier population.

Other Issues:

- None

List attachments/exhibits below:

Summary Attachment A – Proviso Lift Proposal – COVID-19 Community Mitigation and the Criminal Legal System