

2023 Seattle City Council Budget Action

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Budget Action Title: Add \$50,000 GF (2023) and \$50,000 GF (2024) to SPD for an Affected Person's Program

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Budget Committee

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Greg Doss

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)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	\$0
General Fund Expenditures	\$50,000	\$50,000
Net Balance Effect	\$(50,000)	\$(50,000)
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(50,000)	\$(50,000)

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action would add \$50,000 GF in 2023 and \$50,000 GF in 2024 to the Seattle Police Department's (SPD) Office of Police Accountability (OPA) to convene a workgroup to examine the prospect of adding an Affected Person's Program (APP) similar to the program housed in Ontario Canada. The Ontario APP provides emotional and practical support services to persons, including complainants, loved ones and/or family members impacted by incidents under investigation by the Special Investigations Unit, a unit that investigates potential misconduct by police officers and public officials in Ontario.

The OPA workgroup should examine the staffing needs for an APP and determine the resources necessary for provision of support services that may include: (1) death notification assistance and crisis response and intervention; (2) psychological first aid and emotional support; (3) information and

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guidance pertaining to the investigative process; (4) accessing emergency financial supports, safety planning, and funeral funding and planning; and (5) referrals and advocacy, including assistance with navigating social and justice systems, accessing relevant community resources, legal and medical support, and victim funding programs.

The workgroup should also explore the possibility, placement, parameters, and legality of offering family support services for victims of police violence; based in part on the Ontario model focusing on victims and families impacted by police homicide, sexual or domestic violence and use of force that results in life-changing injuries. This service should be independent from the city's police, police accountability systems, and the Executive department, and should examine a right of appeal system for OPA findings.

The workgroup should review the results of community engagement and other workgroup recommendations already conducted on victim compensation funds, including those stemming from the workgroup convened by Central Staff in response to Council Budget Action (CBA) FAS-005-C-001 in the 2022 Adopted Budget.

The workgroup should include representatives from the City Attorney's Office, Council's Public Safety Chair or her representative, Council's Budget Chair or her representative, the OPA Director, Community Police Commission, at least one attorney not affiliated with the City Attorney's Office and community stakeholders as determined by the workgroup.

As one of its first tasks, the workgroup should develop a workplan and a timeline for producing recommendations to the City Council. On a monthly basis, Council Central Staff will send to members of the Council's Public Safety and Human Services Committee an e-mail that provides an update on workgroup activities and progress toward achieving milestones identified in the workplan.

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Add \$50,000 to SPD for Affected Person's Program		0	0	SPD - SP000	SPD - BO-SP-P1300 - Office of Police Accountability	00100 - General Fund	2023	\$0	\$50,000
2	Add \$50,000 to SPD for Affected Person's Program		0	0	SPD - SP000	SPD - BO-SP-P1300 - Office of Police Accountability	00100 - General Fund	2024	\$0	\$50,000