

2018 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Alternative funding for homelessness and human services investments

Ongoing: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: Yes Has Budget Proviso: No

Primary Sponsor: Johnson, Rob

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Council Bill or Resolution: Multiple C.B.s

Date		Total	SB	KH	LG	BH	LH	RJ	DJ	MO	KS
	Yes										
	No										
	Abstain										
	Absent										

Budget Action description:

This budget action identifies in Attachment A a range of options for funding Council-identified priorities for investments in human services and programs to address homelessness.

The intent is that a package of some subset of the ideas outlined in this budget action could serve as an alternative to the Employee Hours Tax imposed in GS 335-1-A and the \$11 million interfund loan in 2018 authorized by GS 337-1-B. The revenue in this budget action would be dedicated to addressing housing and homelessness needs, including providing support for:

- Mass entry shelters;
- Expansion of the Law Enforcement Assistance Diversion (LEAD) program;
- Creation of vehicle safe zones;
- Investments in new rent- and income-restricted housing units and rental assistance through the Office of Housing;
- Homeless youth housing and opportunity training;
- Contracted nursing support to homeless individuals; and
- Navigation team Public health addiction services.

A summary by major category of the ideas in Attachment A is provided below in Table 1. Implementing these ideas would require legislation to modify restrictions in the Seattle Municipal Code or authorizing ordinances.

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Table 1: Summary of Attachment A

Categories	Potential 2018 Funding*
1. Remove Move Seattle Restriction to Allow Use of Seattle Dept of Transportation GSF	\$9,151,600
2. Revenue Stabilization Account Contribution Holiday	\$3,581,000
3. Use of Limited Term General Obligation Bonds	\$1,900,000
4. Modify Restrictions on Use of the School Safety and Pedestrian Improvement Fund	\$931,304
5. Interfund Loan Secured by Short Term Rental Taxes	\$2,700,000
6. Other Cuts and Modifications	\$2,110,000
Total	\$20,373,904

*Revenue Identified as Potential 2018 Funding represents a theoretical maximum amount. Actual savings or new revenue may be lower.