

2026 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

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HSD-082-B

Proviso \$11.1 million GF in HSD to mitigate federal funding impacts to shelter and housing

SPONSORS

Robert Kettle

DESCRIPTION

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would impose a proviso on \$11.1 million GF in the Human Services Department (HSD) for the purposes of increasing the reserve to mitigate potential federal funding impacts to shelter and housing programs, including Continuum of Care (CoC) funding administered by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Total Continuum of Care funding across all of King County is \$65 million; \$24 million of which supports 28 brick and mortar projects in Seattle. The 2026 Proposed Budget adds \$4 million of one-time funding for the Community Solutions Initiative pilot project to address unsheltered homelessness in the downtown area, and \$7.8 million for start-up costs and three months of operating cost for 155 new non-congregate shelter units.

This CBA would proviso all \$7.8 million for the new non-congregate shelter uses and \$3.3 million of the Community Solutions Initiative pilot funding to instead increase the HSD reserve related to mitigating federal funding impacts. This would leave \$700,000 for the Community Solutions Initiative pilot to fund the first quarter of operations. The 2026 Proposed Budget already provides \$9.3M in a reserve in HSD to mitigate federal funding impacts, and if approved this would bring the reserve to \$20.4 million. The intent is for Council to reevaluate the need for the proviso after CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity results are released by HUD in 2026. If the Executive determines that some or all of the additional reserve will not be needed and could instead be directed to new programs, Council would need to lift the proviso by ordinance.

This Council Budget Action would impose the following proviso:

"Of the appropriations in the Human Service Department's 2026 budget for the Addressing Homelessness BSL (BO-HS-H3000), \$11.1 million is appropriated solely to mitigate federal funding impacts to shelter and housing programs and may be spent for no other purpose."

ATTACHMENT: No

COUNCIL BILL OR RESOLUTION:

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LAW-002-A

Proviso \$289,000 GF in LAW for drug diversion

SPONSORS

Sara Nelson, Maritza Rivera, Robert Kettle

DESCRIPTION

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would impose a proviso on \$289,000 General Fund in the City Attorney's Office (LAW) for drug diversion work known as the Drug Prosecution Alternative (DPA). The DPA was established in 2025 in coordination with the Seattle Municipal Court as an alternative for individuals charged with Possession, Use of Controlled Substances, Stay Out of Drug Area (SODA) violations, and incidents where the facts of the case indicate a direct connection/nexus to substance abuse. The program is supported by an Assistant City Prosecutor and a Legal Assistant in the Law Department, funds for which were appropriated during the 2025 Midyear Supplemental Budget.

This Council Budget Action would impose the following proviso:

"Of the appropriation in the Law Department's 2026 budget for the Criminal Division Budget Summary Level (LAW-BO-LW-J1500), \$289,000 is appropriated solely for personnel costs related to drug diversion program activities and for no other purpose. The drug diversion program is intended to involve the following: 1) Referral of program participants to the Seattle Municipal Court Resource Center to complete an orientation to services, participate in a substance use assessment, and complete a drug test; 2) Where applicable, participants accept a Stay Out of Drug Area (SODA) order; and, 3) Participants agree not to violate criminal law for a 60 day period."

ATTACHMENT: No

COUNCIL BILL OR RESOLUTION:

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OED-019-A

Proviso \$500,000 in OED for the Liberty Project

SPONSORS

Sara Nelson

DESCRIPTION

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would impose a proviso on \$500,000 in the Office of Economic Development (OED) to ensure continuation of the Liberty Project.

The Liberty Project, in partnership with University of Washington, Seattle University, and Tabor 100, supports small businesses with business consulting and strategy services, finance and accounting services, marketing services, technology services, and contract bid preparation. The three anchors and the City have worked together to construct a program model, led and implemented by the anchors, that has now selected five cohorts of small businesses for the program. The Liberty Project is currently funded at \$500,000 ongoing.

This CBA would impose the following proviso:

"Of the appropriation in the 2026 budget for the Office of Economic Development \$500,000 is appropriated solely for the Liberty Project, and may be spent for no other purpose."

ATTACHMENT: No

COUNCIL BILL OR RESOLUTION:

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SDOT-051-A

Proviso \$4.1 million in SDOT for public safety support, graffiti abatement, and cleaning services

SPONSORS

Sara Nelson, Bob Kettle, Joy Hollingsworth

DESCRIPTION

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would impose a proviso on \$4.1 million of appropriations in the Seattle Department of Transportation for the Downtown Activation Team's work to provide public safety support, graffiti abatement, and cleaning services in key locations in Seattle.

This CBA would impose the following proviso:

"Of the appropriations in the Seattle Department of Transportation's 2026 budget for the Maintenance Operations BSL (BO-TR-17005), \$4,127,633 is appropriated solely for public safety support, graffiti abatement, and cleaning services, and may be spent for no other purpose."

ATTACHMENT: No

COUNCIL BILL OR RESOLUTION: