

**CITY OF SEATTLE**  
**ORDINANCE** 127154  
**COUNCIL BILL** 120893

AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 126955, which adopted the 2024 Budget; changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget, imposing provisos; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

WHEREAS, the Office for Civil Rights managed the implementation of a Participatory Budgeting process to determine investments of \$27.25 million with the goals of directly investing in historically disadvantaged communities, including Black, Indigenous, and other communities of color consistent with applicable law, and increasing the ownership and participation of Seattle residents in solutions to the city's pressing needs; and

WHEREAS, community members during the Participatory Budgeting process developed and co-designed 18 proposals within the five priority investment areas of Housing and Physical Spaces, Mental Health, Youth and Children, Economic Development, and Crisis and Wellness, from nearly 500 submitted ideas; and

WHEREAS, ranked-choice voting of the 18 proposals was opened from October 10 through November 12, 2023, resulting in the selection of six proposals, including 1) Native Youth: Past, Present, and Future (\$7.2 million), for a Duwamish-oriented community center; 2) People Not Police Crisis Response Team (\$2 million), for mental health professionals to serve as first responders to mental health crises; 3) Housing Support (\$2 million), for housing navigation and assistance services for people experiencing homelessness or housing instability; 4) Public Restrooms (\$7.2 million), for staffing and maintenance of public restrooms and hygiene facilities; 5) Urban Farming and Food Equity (\$7 million), for green spaces and access to fresh food, local business ownership,

and farming education; 6) Housing Support for Youth (\$1.85 million), for connecting youth and young adults to supportive housing or rental assistance; and

WHEREAS, in January 2024, the Office for Civil Rights convened an interdepartmental team comprised of community representatives and City staff from the Community Assisted Response and Engagement Department, the Human Services Department, the Department of Neighborhoods, the Office of Planning and Community Development, the Office of Sustainability and Environment, and Seattle Parks and Recreation to explore how the six proposals could be implemented; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned City Departments have developed projects based on the proposals and are now prepared for implementation, requiring appropriations from Finance General to the respective departments; and

WHEREAS, the Council has identified additional pressing needs in historically disadvantaged communities, including Black communities and other communities of color related to cultural preservation, homeownership preservation, and assistance to youth experiencing or at risk of homelessness, and intends to fund supplementary projects to address these needs supported by Participatory Budgeting funds, consistent with applicable law; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The appropriations for the following items in the 2024 Adopted Budget are modified, as follows:

| Item | Department      | Fund                 | Budget Summary Level          | Amount         |
|------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| 1.1  | Finance General | General Fund (00100) | General Purpose (BO-FG-2QD00) | (\$27,250,000) |

| Item         | Department   | Fund                 | Budget Summary Level                                     | Amount               |
|--------------|--|----------------------|--|----------------------|
| 1.2          | Community Assisted Response and Engagement Department    | General Fund (00100) | Community Assisted Response and Engagement (BO-CS-40000) | \$2,000,000          |
| 1.3          | Department of Neighborhoods                              | General Fund (00100) | Community Grants (BO-DN-I3400)                           | \$4,000,000          |
| 1.4          | Human Services Department                                | General Fund (00100) | Addressing Homelessness (BO-HS-H3000)                    | \$3,850,000          |
| 1.5          | Executive (Office of Planning and Community Development) | General Fund (00100) | Planning and Community Development (BO-PC-X2P00)         | \$7,200,000          |
| 1.6          | Executive (Office of Arts and Culture)                   | General Fund (00100) | Funding Programs & Partnership (BO-AR-VA162)             | \$4,685,000          |
| 1.7          | Executive (Office of Housing)                            | General Fund (00100) | Homeownership and Sustainability (BO-HU-2000)            | \$3,000,000          |
| 1.8          | Human Services Department                                | General Fund (00100) | Preparing Youth for Success (BO-HS-H2000)                | \$315,000            |
| <b>Total</b> |  |                      |  | <b>\$(2,200,000)</b> |

Unspent funds so appropriated in items 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, and 1.8 shall carry forward to subsequent fiscal years until they are exhausted or abandoned by ordinance.

Section 2. Consistent with RCW 35.32A.050, unexpended appropriations from Section 1 of this ordinance are reappropriated as follows:

| Item              | Department                   | Fund                 | Budget Summary Level       | CIP Project Name                                     | Additional Budget Appropriation |
|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 2.1               | Seattle Parks and Recreation | General Fund (00100) | Fix It First (BC-PR-40000) | Major Maintenance and Asset Management (MC-PR-41001) | \$2,200,000                     |
| <b>Net Change</b> |                              |                      |                            |  | <b>\$2,200,000</b>              |

Unspent funds so appropriated in item 2.1 shall carry forward to subsequent fiscal years until they are exhausted or abandoned by ordinance.

Section 3. This ordinance imposes five provisos as follows:

“Of the appropriations in the Office of Arts and Culture (ARTS) 2024 general fund budget, \$4,685,000 is appropriated solely for funding to support individuals or organizations seeking to activate spaces, provide programming, or create media focused on arts, culture, history, or heritage relating to historically disadvantaged communities, including Black communities, consistent with applicable law and may not be used for any other purpose. The intent of the Council, to the greatest extent possible, is for ARTS to award \$1,000,000 annually for this purpose over a four year period beginning in 2025, and the remainder for this purpose in the fifth year.”

“Of the appropriations in the Human Services Department's (HSD's) 2024 general fund budget in the Preparing Youth for Success Budget Summary Level (HSD-BO-HS-H2000), \$315,000 is appropriated solely to award funding for the following youth activities programming to contribute to violence prevention, and may be spent for no other purpose:

\$25,000 for Avela;

\$25,000 for Hip-Hop is Green;

\$50,000 for Rise Above;

\$25,000 for Holgate Church Afterschool Program – Student & Family Support;

\$15,000 for Colored Girls Garden Club;

\$25,000 for The Good Foot;

\$25,000 for Seattle Central Little League;

\$25,000 for First State Golf Club;

\$25,000 for Northwest Greyhounds;  
\$25,000 for Boys & Girls Club Rotary Girls Basketball Team;  
\$25,000 for The Breakfast Group; and  
\$25,000 for the Seattle Theatre Group – STG AileyCamp.

The intent of the Council, to the greatest extent possible, is for HSD to make one-time awards to the above listed entities in the above listed amounts for 2025. The Council has identified the above listed entities for this funding and requests that the HSD Director waive the requirements of Seattle Municipal Code subsection 3.20.050.B, as authorized by subsection 3.20.050.C.”

“Of the appropriations in the Office of Housing’s 2024 general fund budget for the Homeownership and Sustainability Summary Level (OH-BO-HU-2000), \$3,000,000 is appropriated solely for outreach and engagement, and homeowner stabilization services in communities at high risk of displacement and may not be used for any other purpose.”

“Of the appropriations in the Human Services Department’s (HSD’s) 2024 general fund budget, \$2,000,000 is appropriated solely for contracted services for a day shelter providing supports to young adults experiencing or at risk of homelessness and may not be used for any other purpose. The Council has identified the Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle for this funding and requests that the HSD Director waive the requirements of Seattle Municipal Code subsection 3.20.050.B, as authorized by subsection 3.20.050.C. It is the intent of the Council that, to the greatest extent possible: this funding would support the Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle in its operation of a day shelter focused on youth between 18 and 25 years old; Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle would provide services such as connection to resources and social services, counseling, meals, computer and internet access, help with

1 resumes and job finding, and shower facilities; and this funding would support operating costs  
2 for the day shelter for three years starting in 2025 at a funding level of approximately \$667,000  
3 annually.”

4 “Of the appropriations in the Human Services Department’s (HSD’s) 2024 general fund  
5 budget, \$1,985,000 is appropriated solely for capital repairs and/or improvements to existing  
6 shelters serving youth and/or young adults, in accordance with HSD’s Participatory Budgeting  
7 proposal for this purpose and may not be used for any other purpose.”

8 Section 4. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken after its passage  
9 and prior to its effective date is ratified and confirmed.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code  
Sections 1.04.020 and 1.04.070.

Passed by the City Council the 21st day of November, 2024,  
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 21st day of  
November, 2024.



President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

☒ Approved / ☐ returned unsigned / ☐ vetoed this 26th day of November, 2024.



Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

Filed by me this 27th day of November, 2024.



Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

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