



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL
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Council Bills 120812, 120813 & 120811: Midyear Supplemental, Midyear Grant Acceptance, & Wage Adjustments Ordinances

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CB 120812: Midyear Supplemental

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- Second comprehensive supplemental budget legislation in 2024
- Mid-year appropriation, position, and capital project changes
- Would decrease City budget by \$171.2 million (\$1 million GF) & add 48 FTEs, including 6 in Seattle Center, 21 in Human Services Department (HSD), and 21 in the Community Assisted Response and Engagement (CARE) department.
 - While the GF appropriation impact is a small decrease, there is also a \$2.7 million reduction in revenues due primarily to grant abandonments. The net result is \$1.6 million lower projected GF fund balance at the end of 2024.
 - In addition, the proposed new CARE positions would increase the ongoing projected GF deficit, which was last estimated to be \$258 million in 2025.

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Central Staff highlighted identified three specific policy proposals:

1. Additional positions at HSD to support the City's response to homelessness
2. Additional positions for the CARE Department
3. Proviso on \$10 million of JumpStart funding to allow for student mental health service and violence prevention programs

Amendments to be considered today address each of these three issues.

CB 120813: Midyear Grant Acceptance & Appropriation

- Second comprehensive grant acceptance and appropriation legislation in 2024
- Would authorize City departments to accept \$73.7 million and appropriate \$53.5 million from external sources. Examples include:
 - \$18.7 million from Federal Highway Administration for SDOT's Capital Improvement Program projects.
 - \$19.5 million from the WA Department of Commerce for low to moderate income residential electric utility customers with a one-time \$200 bill credit.

CB 120811: Employee Annual Wage Increase Appropriations

- Would appropriate \$255 million of available reserves to cover the costs associated with a series of labor agreements approved by Council earlier this year.
 - \$162 million is from the General Fund, retained in planning reserves
 - The requested funding fully addresses the required retroactive payments and approximately half of the 2024 costs.
- Request for only partial 2024 funding reflects Executive's strategy to offset a portion of the incremental 2024 costs with savings from a hiring freeze and large contract review process.
- Additional appropriation authority – if needed for 2024 – will be included in the Year-end Supplemental, and annual ongoing appropriations will be included in the Mayor's Proposed 2025/2026 budget

Next Steps in the Budget Process

- **August 7:** Select Budget Committee considers amendments
- **August 13:** Final action on CB's 120811, 120812 & 120813 at Full Council
- **Late September:** Mayor's Proposed 2025-2026 Budget
 - Proposed budget will include the 2024 year-end supplemental and a final grant acceptance bill

CB 120812: Summary of Proposed Amendments

	Sponsor	Title	Summary of Effect
1	CM Rivera	Carry forward \$150,000 GF in CARE's 2024 Budget for an Independent Evaluation of the Community Crisis Responder Team Program, and Impose a Proviso	This amendment would create a non-lapsing provision to allow for a carryforward of \$150,000 General Fund allocated for the Community Crisis Response (CCR) program evaluation in Community Assisted Response and Evaluation (CARE) Department's 2024 budget and impose a proviso. The proviso would require that of the appropriations in CARE's 2024 budget for the CARE Budget Summary Level (CARE-BO-CS-40000), \$150,000 remain appropriated solely for an independent evaluation of the CCR program and may be spent for no other purpose.
2	Chair Strauss	Remove the Proposed \$1.9 Million Transfer in SDOT's Capital Investment Program (CIP) Portfolio for the Burke-Gilman Trail Extension Project	This amendment would eliminate the proposed transfer of \$1.9 million Move Seattle Levy Fund within Seattle Department of Transportation's (SDOT's) CIP portfolio.
3	CM Morales	Increase the proviso authority to \$20 million to allow the entire amount of appropriated funds in the 2024 budget to be used for expanded education supports, including mental health and student safety, restorative practices, and investments in safe spaces and activities	This amendment would increase the proviso amount from \$10 million to \$20 million, thereby allowing the Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL) to deploy the entire amount of JumpStart Payroll Expense Tax Fund funds appropriated in the 2024 budget for mental health and student safety interventions, restorative practices, and safe spaces and activities. The amendment also requests that DEEL collaborate with other City departments and focus investments on existing programs and partnerships with community-based organizations. Lastly, the amendment requests that DEEL provide a report to Council by October 25, 2024, describing the spending plan for the entire \$20 million.
4	CM Morales	Eliminate Position Authority for 19 Unified Care Team FTE Positions and add an intent statement	This amendment would eliminate the position authority in the mid-year supplemental for nineteen positions in the Human Services Department that would support the work of the Unified Care Team (UCT). Five of the positions are Regional Coordinators and fourteen are Counselor positions. In addition, this amendment would express Council's intent that the ongoing funds the Executive intended to use to fund these UCT positions in 2025 and beyond, be used instead to provide ongoing funding for positions added in the Community Assisted Response and Engagement Department in the supplemental bill, which have no identified ongoing funding source.
5	CM Morales	Proviso \$400,000 in the Seattle Police Department 2024 Budget Pending a Data Assessment and Update on Recruitment and Retention of Women in the Workforce	This amendment would impose a proviso on \$400,000 of the \$800,000 allocated for the Seattle Police Officer recruiting in the midyear supplemental. The proviso would require that the \$400,000 may not be spent until authorized by a future ordinance.
6	CP Nelson	Request a Report from SPD on the Recruitment and Retention Program	This amendment would request that the Seattle Police Department (SPD) report on the Recruitment and Retention Program funded in the 2024 Adopted Budget. Requested information should include data on spending and performance metrics, as well as qualitative information on the various elements of the program.