

**CB 121185 – Transitional Encampment Expansion Budget Ordinance
Proposed Amendments Packet**

Finance, Native Communities and Tribal Governments Committee
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Amendment 1 Version 1 to CB 121185 - MO Transitional Encampment Expansion – Budget ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Kettle

Co-sponsor: CP Hollingsworth

Request a report from the Mayor’s Office on implementation of the first 500 shelter units and a plan for how to achieve 4,000 new units overall

Effect: This amendment requests that the Executive submit a report to the Council’s Finance, Native Communities, and Tribal Government Committee on the implementation of any new shelter units created in 2026 with information such as location, number of units, services offered, and operating costs. The amendment would also request the Executive submit a plan on how to achieve 4,000 new shelter units over four years, the Mayor’s stated goal.

Add a new Section 2 to CB 121185 as follows and renumber subsequent sections as appropriate:

Section 2. It is the Council’s intent that the Mayor’s Office (MO) should submit the following information to the Council’s Finance, Native Communities, and Tribal Government Committee by September 14, 2026:

A. A report on new shelter units funded in 2026 including:

1. For new shelter projects and expanded shelter projects:

a. Location.

b. Providers selected to operate the site and offer services.

c. Number of shelter units added.

d. Description of services to be provided, including information on the types of substance abuse disorder treatment that will be offered on-site.

e. Staffing ratio for case management and behavioral health services.

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f. Whether this is a new project or an expansion of an existing project.

g. Whether the new units are congregate or non-congregate.

2. Any new leases entered into by the City for micro-modular sites, the cost per square foot of those leases, the length of term of the lease and the size of the site.

3. How the \$17.5 million will be utilized, broken down by operating costs and capital costs for each shelter project receiving funds.

4. The timeline, if applicable, for transferring shelter contracts from HSD to the King County Regional Homelessness Authority.

5. Detailed budgets for all new shelters, both for operating costs and one-time start-up and capital costs.

B. A plan for how the MO intends to achieve 4,000 new shelter units including:

1. An assessment of the total number of new shelter units needed, including assumptions around the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, number of existing shelter units and the number of people that can be served by a shelter unit in a given year (turnover).

2. A timeline for opening up new shelter units, in six month increments.

3. Total operating and capital cost for 4,000 new units, broken down by year.

4. Assumptions about per unit operating and capital costs, service levels, and acuity of population being served provided that informed overall costs.

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5. A plan for increasing the capacity or number of shelter operators and behavioral health services providers that will be needed to staff 4,000 new units.

6. The role of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority in administering funding for 4,000 new units.

7. Opportunities to share resources among shelters to create cost efficiencies, such as shared security or transportation programs.

C. Many people experiencing homelessness are high acuity and need a shelter that is designed and staffed to provide the appropriate level of services. The 2026 Point in Time count found that of those experiencing homelessness, 66 percent were chronically homeless, 34 percent of adults had a serious mental illness, and 47 percent had a substance abuse disorder. If a shelter is not designed and staffed to meet the acuity needs of its residents, the impact on the residents and the surrounding neighborhood will be negative. Therefore, in its responses to both subsections 2.A and 2.B of this ordinance, the MO should describe the acuity levels being served by any new shelter and provide specific information on how the shelter is designed to meet the physical and behavioral needs, including substance abuse disorder treatments, for its residents.

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Amendment 2 Version 1 to CB 121185 - MO Transitional Encampment Expansion – Budget ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Saka

The Executive should develop and implement a public safety plan to keep the area surrounding any new shelter safe, clean, and free of unsanctioned encampments, and require pro-active communication with the neighborhood.

Effect: This amendment would request the Executive to develop and implement, for any new shelter created on or after the effective date of this ordinance, a public safety plan to keep the area surrounding the shelter safe, clean, and free of unsanctioned encampments. The amendment requests that the public safety plan be shared with neighborhood residents one month prior to the shelter opening and that every provider be required to have a Good Neighbor Agreement or Neighborhood Engagement and Mitigation Plan.

Add a new Section 2 to CB 121185 as follows and renumber subsequent sections as appropriate:

Section 2. It is the Council's intent that the Executive should develop and implement, for any new shelter created on or after the effective date of this ordinance, a plan to keep the area surrounding the shelter safe, clean, and free of unsanctioned encampments.

A. The plan should include the following:

1. An initial public safety assessment of the area in which the shelter is to be located, including an assessment of 911 emergency call data;

2. Completion of a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessment prior to the opening of the shelter, and integration of any CPTED recommendations into the shelter's design and operations;

3. Policies and procedures for keeping the area within 500 feet of the shelter free of any unsanctioned encampments or recreational vehicles that are in violation of the Seattle Municipal Code parking regulations;

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4. A plan for how the Mayor's Office will promptly address illegal activity, behavioral health emergencies, and other challenges that impact public safety in the area surrounding the shelter; and

5. A City liaison that neighborhood residents can contact if there are issues occurring outside of the shelter boundaries that are beyond the shelter provider's control or authority to address.

B. Communication and engagement with the neighborhood should include:

1. The plan described in Section 2.A of this ordinance should be shared with the neighborhood at least one month prior to the shelter opening; and

2. Every City-funded contract with a shelter provider should require that the provider develop and maintain a Good Neighbor Agreement or Neighborhood Engagement and Mitigation Plan to proactively communicate with neighbors and address community concerns.

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Amendment 3 Version 1 to CB 121185 - MO Transitional Encampment Expansion – Budget ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Strauss

Author: Councilmember Juarez

The Mayor’s Office should provide monthly reports on indicators of public safety for any new shelter and surrounding area

Effect: This amendment would request the Mayor’s Office to provide monthly reports on indicators of public safety for any new shelter and surrounding area. The Executive should work with Council to develop the exact indicators and format of the report. Report data sources should include, but not be limited to, Critical Incident Reports from shelter operators, Unified Care Team, Find It, Fix It Service Request Mobile Application, and 911 call data. The reports should be provided monthly to the Council Member in whose district the new shelter is located.

Add a new Section 2 to CB 121185 as follows and renumber subsequent sections as appropriate

Section 2. It is the Council’s intent that the Mayor’s Office should develop and implement, for any new shelter created on or after the effective date of this ordinance, a monthly report with public safety indicators for the new shelter and surrounding area. The Mayor’s Office should work collaboratively with Council to determine the content of the report, including the specific data and the geographic area covered by the report.

Data sources should include but not be limited to:

A. Critical Incident Reports and Good Neighbor Agreements as required by the contract between the shelter operators and the City;

B. The Unified Care Team;

C. The Find It, Fix It Service Request Mobile Application; and

D. 911 call data, such as the type of response received from the Seattle Police Department, Seattle Fire Department, and Community Assisted Response and

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Engagement Department, the kind of unit (e.g., aid car or Medic One unit), the number of units, the length of time spent responding, the time of day, the day of the week, and other trend information.

The reports should be provided monthly to the Councilmember in whose district the new shelter is located.

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Amendment 4 Version 1 to CB 121185 - MO Transitional Encampment Expansion – Budget ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Strauss

The Mayor's Office should collaborate with Council to convene a shelter acuity workgroup to determine the acuity level to be served and the services to be provided for the first 500 shelter units and additional units created beyond those.

Effect: CB 121185 allocates \$4.9 million, part of \$17.5 million in funding the Executive plans to use to create an estimated 500 new units of shelter, as described in the Executive's presentation to the Finance, Native Communities and Tribal Governments Committee on March 30, 2026. This amendment would request that the Mayor's Office, in collaboration with the Council, establish a shelter acuity work group. This work group should set the acuity level, services, and cost per unit for the people to be served by the first 500 shelter units the Executive plans to open in 2026 and additional units created beyond those. This work should be completed prior to the execution of any contract with a shelter operator or services provider.

Add a new Section 2 to CB 121185 as follows and renumber subsequent sections as appropriate:

Section 2. It is the Council's intent that the Mayor's Office, in collaboration with the Council, should establish a shelter acuity work group, with representation from the Human Services Department, the City Budget Office, the King County Regional Homelessness Authority, shelter operators, shelter services providers, Councilmember offices, and Central Staff. The work group should:

A. Determine the target acuity level for the people to be served by the first 500 units and additional units created beyond those, based on the best available data regarding the needs of those who will be served. Many people experiencing homelessness are high acuity and need a shelter that is designed and staffed to provide the appropriate level of services.

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B. Determine the specific services that will be provided for low, medium, and high acuity levels and the hours those services will be available (for example during business hours or around the clock). Services could include case management, behavioral health services, on site medical care such as psychiatry or wound management, and substance abuse disorder treatments including medication management.

C. In collaboration with the Council, set acuity level targets, number of shelter units, services, and cost per unit for the first 500 new units of shelter and additional units created beyond those, prior to the execution of any contract with a shelter operator or services provider.

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Amendment 5 Version 1 to CB 121185 - MO Transitional Encampment Expansion – Budget ORD

Sponsor: Council President Hollingsworth

The Human Services Department should utilize shelter and services providers who have expertise in working with those most disproportionately impacted by homelessness.

Effect: This amendment would request that the Human Services Department (HSD), when creating new shelter units, utilize providers who have expertise in providing culturally appropriate services to those who are most disproportionately impacted by homelessness. The amendment requests that HSD work to identify potential providers with this expertise and work with them to build their capacity if needed to operate new shelter units. There are significant racial disparities in those experiencing homelessness. Based on the 2024 Point in Time analysis, 15% of people experiencing homelessness in King County identify as Black/African American, but according to 2023 U.S. Census data only 7% of King County's population identifies as Black/African American. Similarly, 6% of people experiencing homelessness identify as American Indian, Alaskan Native, or Indigenous, but that group makes up less than 1% of King County's population.

Add a new Section 2 to CB 121185 as follows and renumber subsequent sections as appropriate:

Section 2: The Council's intent is for the Human Services Department (HSD), when opening new shelter units, to utilize providers who have expertise in delivering culturally appropriate services to those who are most disproportionately impacted by homelessness, including those who are Black/African American or American Indian, Alaskan Native, or Indigenous. It is also the Council's intent that HSD identify potential providers with this expertise and work with those providers to build their capacity, if needed, to operate new shelter units. HSD should submit a report by September 14, 2026 detailing if any providers for new shelter units opened in 2026 have expertise in delivering

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culturally appropriate services to those who are most disproportionately impacted
by homelessness, and the plan to identify and build the capacity of additional
providers who have this expertise.

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Amendment 6 Version 1 to CB 121185 - MO Transitional Encampment Expansion – Budget ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Rivera

State Council's intention that Executive should operate at least one of the new shelters for people in recovery from substance abuse disorders

Effect: CB 121185 allocates \$4.9 million, part of \$17.5 million in funding the Executive plans to use to create new or expanded shelter projects that contain an estimated 500 new shelter units, as described in the Executive's presentation to the Finance, Native Communities and Tribal Governments Committee on March 30, 2026. This amendment would state Council's intention that at least one of those new shelters be exclusively for people in recovery from substance abuse disorders who are seeking a clean and sober environment. The amendment also requests a report by September 14, 2026 on implementation details of this shelter for people in recovery.

Add a new Section 2 to CB 121185 as follows and renumber subsequent sections as appropriate:

Section 2: The Mayor has stated that \$17.5 million, including the \$4.9 million allocated in this ordinance, will be used to create new or expanded shelter projects that contain an estimated 500 new units of shelter. It is the Council's intent that at least one of those new shelter projects should be exclusively for people in recovery from substance abuse disorders who are seeking a clean and sober environment. HSD should submit a report by September 14, 2026, providing details on the stand up of the recovery shelter, including location, providers, number of units, unit operating costs and operations start date.

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Amendment 7 Version 1 to CB 121185 - MO Transitional Encampment Expansion – Budget ORD

Sponsor: Council President Hollingsworth

The Human Services Department should open at least two new shelters for women and children

Effect: CB 121185 allocates \$4.9 million, part of \$17.5 million in funding the Executive plans to use to create new or expanded shelter projects that contain an estimated 500 new shelter units, as described in the Executive’s presentation to the Finance, Native Communities and Tribal Governments Committee on March 30, 2026. The Executive has stated a further goal to create new shelters with an additional 500 units, for a total of 1,000 new units, by the end of 2026 as described in the Fiscal Note and Summary for CB 121185. This amendment would state Council’s intention that at least two of the new shelters created to achieve the 1,000 unit goal be exclusively for women and children. The amendment also requests a report by September 14, 2026 on implementation details of this shelter for women and children.

Add a new Section 2 to CB 121185 as follows and renumber subsequent sections as appropriate:

Section 2. The Executive has stated a goal to create new or expanded shelter projects to produce 1,000 new units of shelter by the end of 2026. It is the Council's intent that at least two of those new shelter projects should be exclusively for women and children. The Human Services Department should submit a report by September 14, 2026, providing details on the stand up of the two shelters for women and children, including location, providers, number of units, unit operating costs, and operations start date.

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Amendment 8 Version 1 to CB 121185 - MO Transitional Encampment Expansion – Budget ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Rivera

New shelter units should be prioritized for people experiencing homelessness in the neighborhood in which the new shelter is located.

Effect: This amendment would state Council’s intention that, for any units in a new shelter created on or after the effective date of this legislation, prioritization be given to people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the neighborhood and Council District in which the new shelter is located.

Add a new Section 2 to CB 121185 as follows and renumber subsequent sections as appropriate:

Section 2: For any new shelters created on or after the effective date of this ordinance, Council intends that priority for units in those shelters should be given to people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the Council District and neighborhood in which the shelter is located. The Human Services Department should provide a report to Council prior to the opening of the first new shelter detailing how this prioritization will be implemented.

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Amendment 9 Version 1 to CB 121185 - MO Transitional Encampment Expansion – Budget ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Kettle

Affirm that Council's priority is to maintain existing Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and commitment to collaborating with the Executive on maintaining PSH, creating new shelter units and addressing the structural budget gap.

Effect: This amendment would affirm that Council both supports creating new shelter units and continues to prioritize maintaining existing Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) given the potential of a large loss of federal Continuum of Care funding for the operations of PSH units. Additionally, the amendment would state Council's intent to work collaboratively with the Executive to address the structural budget gap while creating new shelter and maintaining existing PSH, and would ask the Executive to also act collaboratively with Council on these issues.

Add a new Section 2 to CB 121185 as follows and renumber subsequent sections as appropriate:

Section 2. Council supports creating new shelter units while prioritizing the importance of sustaining existing Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), especially if federal Continuum of Care dollars to support existing PSH are reduced or eliminated. Council intends to work collaboratively with the Executive to address the structural budget gap while creating new shelter units and maintaining existing PSH and requests the Executive also works collaboratively with Council on these issues.

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