

2021 Seattle City Council Budget Action

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Budget Action Title: Proviso \$29.9 million in Finance General for the Equitable Communities Initiative

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Budget Committee

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Asha Venkataraman

Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
11/18/2020	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2021 Increase (Decrease)	2022 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$(100,000)	
Net Balance Effect	\$100,000	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$100,000	

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would place two provisos on \$29.9 million of General Fund in Finance General (FG) for the Equitable Communities Initiative, and changes the appropriation from ongoing to one-time. The 2021 Proposed Budget allocated \$100 million to an Equitable Communities Initiative, reserving these funds to implement recommendations from the Equitable Communities task force, which "will focus on up-stream investments for Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) communities to address disparities and make meaningful changes that can be measured by community progress." The Council intends that these funds should be allocated towards investments that reflect alignment between the Task Force's recommendations and recommendations from the Participatory Budgeting process.

The Council intends a total of \$30 million to go towards the Equitable Communities Initiative. These funds include \$500,000 to "develop [a] robust facilitation process and to convene community for the purpose of providing recommendations to alternative public safety models and new investments in the

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BIPOC community," as described in Section 5.8 of Attachment A to the Third Quarter Supplemental ordinance. \$100,000 of the total funding will remain in the 3Q supplemental to support facilitation costs in 2020. This CBA imposes the following provisos:

"Of the appropriation in the 2021 budget for Finance General Reserves, \$29,500,000 is appropriated solely to fund the Equitable Communities Initiative and actions recommended to the City by the Equitable Communities Task Force and may be spent for no other purpose. Furthermore, none of the money so appropriated may be spent until authorized by future ordinance. The Council anticipates that such authority will not be granted until the Executive submits to the Council a plan for spending the funds that describes how the allocations were informed. The Council expects that there will be alignment between the Task Force and the Participatory Budgeting process to ensure that investments are coordinated."

"Of the appropriation in the 2021 budget for Finance General Reserves, \$400,000 is appropriated solely to fund develop a robust facilitation process and convene community for the purpose of providing recommendations for the Equitable Communities Initiative and may be spent for no other purpose."

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Equitable Communities Initiative		0	0	FG - FG000	FG - BO-FG-2QD00 - General Purpose	00100 - General Fund	2021	\$0	\$(100,000)