

Seattle City Council Select Budget Committee
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Office for Civil Rights (OCR)

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2026 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

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OCR-010-A

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SPONSORS

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BALANCING SUMMARY

Fund	2026 Increase (Decrease)	2027 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	\$0	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$0	

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would impose a proviso on \$50,000 of General Fund in the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) to conduct an expanded reparations study. This funding was included in the 2026 Proposed Budget, and this proviso expands the scope of the anticipated work.

This Council Budget Action would impose the following proviso:

"Of the appropriations in the Office for Civil Rights 2026 budget for the Policy Budget Program (OCR-BO-CR-X1R10), \$50,000 is appropriated solely for a housing reparations report that analyzes historical City laws, policies, and/or practices that were discriminatory towards descendants of Black slaves, those of Black lineage, and members of the African Diaspora, and resulted in quantifiable harm to these communities. This report will include an analysis of redlining, racially discriminatory housing covenants, and other biased housing policies. In addition to housing, this report shall include information on all impacts of historical discrimination that have some nexus to housing including culture, community, and commerce. As part of this work, OCR will also compile other local, state, federal, genealogical, and academic analyses on the impacts of racial discrimination towards descendants of Black slaves. These funds may be used to support external stakeholder engagement and related program costs. These funds may be spent for no other purpose."

ATTACHMENT: No