

# 2023 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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FAS	003	A	002-2023

**Budget Action Title:** Proviso \$2.9 million GF in FAS for contracted jail services

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

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Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	SN
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

## Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	Increase (Decrease)	1 Increase (Decrease)
<b>Total Budget Balance Effect</b>		

## Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action would impose a proviso on \$2.9 million GF in Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) for contracted jail services and request that the Mayor's Office provide the Council with a work plan about coming to agreement with King County about reinvesting funds in excess of Seattle's bed usage. The 2023-2024 Proposed Budget would add \$2.9 million GF to the existing \$18.5 million GF appropriation to account for an increase in surcharge costs of 1.5 - 3.0 percent and a 3.4 percent increase for inflation, for a total \$21.4 million jail services contract budget.

Seattle and King County are parties to an interlocal agreement that governs how King County provides jail services to the City of Seattle. While the interlocal agreement lasts until 2030, in 2021 the City and County agreed to repurpose \$16 million (\$8 million in 2021 and in 2022) toward community-based health and housing programs that promote upstream safety and health for communities that are disproportionately affected by the criminal legal system and incarceration. This agreement only covered 2021 and 2022. While the Executive indicates that conversations with the County about whether and how to reinvest funds in excess of Seattle's bed usage for future years are ongoing, they have not yet come to resolution. The County continues to have incentives to keep jail population numbers low and reinvest in alternatives to incarceration in agreement with the City of Seattle, given the shortage of correctional officers, current jail conditions, the County's announcement in 2020 that it would take steps

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to close the downtown facility, and continuing racial justice concerns.

The Council requests that the Executive negotiate with the County to take the \$2.9 million increase from funds in excess of Seattle's bed usage in 2023 and consider using part of those funds in future years to pay for the inflation parameters of the interlocal agreement. This Council Budget Action would impose a proviso on the \$2.9 million increase, with the expectation that the Council will release those funds for expenditure via ordinance if the City and County cannot come to agreement at all or the agreement does not include absorbing the \$2.9 million increase.

The Council also requests that the Mayor's Office provide a work plan by January 31, 2023 to the Chair of the Public Safety and Human Services committee that:

- Provides a projected timeline for negotiations with the County, including dates for deciding on parameters and for coming to agreement;
- Describes how it plans to include the Council in internal discussions or discussions with the County; and
- identifies who is leading negotiations and members of the negotiating team.

This Council Budget Action would impose the following proviso:

“No more than \$18,539,147 of the money appropriated in the 2023 budget for Finance and Administrative Services may be spent for jail services until authorized by future ordinance. Council anticipates that such authority will not be granted until the Mayor's Office provides to the Chair of the Public Safety and Human Services Committee a finalized agreement between the City and the County addressing how funds from decreased jail bed usage will be used or a statement that no agreement between the City and County was reached.”

## Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
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