

# Seattle City Council 2023 Budget Process

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Select Budget Committee | September 27, 2023

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**Mayor's Proposed Budget  
Adjustments**

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**Final Committee Vote  
& Council Adoption**

**STEP 4** NOV 20 - NOV 21

# Central Staff Team

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# The evolving economic context for decision-making

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# Guiding Questions

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What strategies did the Executive use to make his proposed budget adjustments?

- Where are new staff and programs appropriated from a reserve for that purpose?
- Where has the Executive re-balanced spending within a Department?
- Where is there net new spending and what's the case for why it is a priority?
- Does the Executive propose new revenue sources, or changes to current sources?
- How do these adjustments impact the 6-year financial outlook for the City?

# Guiding Questions

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## How are Council's priorities and your initiatives reflected?

- Using a regional solution to serving houseless individuals and families
- Addressing addiction and public drug use through treatment, services and diversion models, whenever possible.
- Establishing and enforcing labor standards for approximately 40,000 app-based workers in Seattle
- Maintaining a clean city with accessible parks and open space
- A public safety system that recruits and retains our public safety workforce and expands a civilian response network with new alternative 911 responses
- Advancing a vision zero transportation strategy that invests in core road, sidewalk and bridge infrastructure.
- Supporting small businesses and re-energizing a vibrant downtown.
- A city that partners with our Tribes, supports our Native Communities, and that cares for both our most vulnerable residents and those that offer frontline services to them.

# Budget Roles

## **The Mayor:**

- Pursuant to RCW 35.32A.030, the Mayor prepares and submits to the Council a proposed annual budget 90 days prior to the next fiscal year
- The proposed budget must be balanced – that is, proposed spending cannot exceed estimated resources

## **The Council:**

- Reviews Mayor's proposal
- Accepts or rejects aspects of the proposal, prepares a final annual budget that reflects legislative priorities, informed by the Council's public process
- Must adopt a balanced budget no later than 30 days prior to the next fiscal year.

# Budget Timeline | FALL 2023



## Mayor's Proposed Budget Adjustments

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## Public Hearing #1

OCT 18 @ 5 PM



## Public Hearing #2

NOV 13 @ 5 PM



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**City Budget Office  
Overview of Mayor’s Proposed Budget Adjustments**

The City Budget Office presents the Mayor’s proposed adjustments to the 2024 Endorsed Budget. CBO will also provide a final report on Seattle Rescue Plan Spending.

Wednesday – September 27	
9:30 am – 1:00 pm	Public Comment (90 min)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Central Staff – Introduction and Budget Process Overview</li><li>• City Budget Office – Overview of Mayor’s 2024 Proposed Budget Adjustments</li><li>• City Budget Office – Seattle Rescue Plan Spending Update</li></ul>





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# Up Next: Budget Hearings & Public Hearing #1

## Public Hearing #1:

October 18 at 5:00 p.m.

Public Hearing #2:

November 13 at 5:00 p.m.

## BUDGET HEARINGS:

### Oct 11-13, 16, 18

- Central Staff will present analysis to identify potential budget issues and policy options associated with the Proposed Budget Adjustments. CBO and Department Staff will also be at the table to answer questions.
- Opportunity for the committee to review, discuss, and ask questions about the proposed budget adjustments, and provide direction to staff on policy options councilmembers may want to pursue through budget amendment

### Oct 19

- Revenue Forecast update presented by Forecast Office; CS analysis on how forecast update impacts balancing and options for the committee to consider.

# Questions?

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