

2020 Seattle City Council Budget Action

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Budget Action Title: Add \$700,000 GF in one-time funds to HSD to create a rental assistance pilot and impose a proviso

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

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Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	BH	KS	AP	DJ	MO	SB	TM	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2020 Increase (Decrease)	2021 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$700,000	
Net Balance Effect	\$(700,000)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(700,000)	

Budget Action Description:

This Budget Action adds \$700,000 GF in one-time funding to the Human Services Department (HSD) to create and evaluate a rental assistance pilot for individuals who 1) are age 50 or older, 2) have income limited to federal disability benefits, specifically Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), that is no more than \$1,000 per month, and 3) are at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness. The pilot will provide up to one-year of rental assistance and is estimated to serve as many as 70-100 households.

The program will prioritize households who have become or are at-risk of becoming homeless as a result of transitioning from Washington's Housing and Essential Needs or Aged, Blind and Disabled assistance programs onto SSI or SSDI. The program will also provide light case management services. HSD will convene, no later than January 31, 2020, a stakeholder group consisting of community-based

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organizations with subject matter expertise, the Office of Housing, the Legislative Department, and other relevant stakeholders to develop the target population, subsidy levels, and other operational details before issuing a request for proposals.

The Budget Action also imposes the following proviso:

"Of the appropriations in the 2020 Budget for the Addressing Homelessness BSL, \$700,000 is appropriated solely to provide rental assistance and case management for no more than 12 months to disabled individuals over the age of 50 who are homeless or at-risk of experiencing homelessness due to a transition onto federal disability programs, and to evaluate the effects of that program, 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	Increase appropriation for rental assistance		0	0	HSD - HS000	HSD - BO-HS-H3000 - Addressing Homelessness	00100 - General Fund	2020	\$0	\$700,000