

2020 Seattle City Council Budget Action

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Budget Action Title: Add \$113,077 GF to LAW for 1.0 FTE paralegal position to be a trauma informed advocate for domestic violence firearm enforcement

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: No

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	\$113,077	
Net Balance Effect	\$(113,077)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(113,077)	

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action adds \$113,077 GF and 1.0 FTE paralegal position to the City Attorney's Office (LAW) to support the Regional Domestic Violence Firearm Enforcement Unit (Unit). This includes \$111,077 in ongoing funding and \$2,000 in one-time funding for equipment and office setup. This position will expand the Unit's capacity to address "red flag" cases involving individuals suspected of domestic violence and/or who pose an extreme risk.

The Regional Domestic Violence Firearms Enforcement Unit includes members from the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, LAW, the Seattle Police Department, and the King County Sheriff's Office. Formed by King County and Seattle in 2018, the mission of the unit is to reduce gun violence and increase victim and community safety through regional collaboration and proactive enforcement of firearm laws including the Extreme Risk Protection Orders approved by votes in an initiative in 2016.

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The Unit currently consists of a Program Manager; three dedicated firearms prosecutors; a “Court Coordinator”; a “Court Orders Problem-Solver”; law enforcement personnel to serve and enforce the orders; a DV-Firearms Advocate to help petitioners and their families; and a paralegal and data/records staffer. This additional advocate position will expand the ability of the Unit to serve as the first point of contact for family or household members initiating extreme risk protection orders and will help educate the public and community partners about these protection orders.

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Add one time funding for equipment costs		0	0	LAW - LW000	LAW - BO-LW-J1500 - Criminal	00100 - General Fund	2020	\$0	\$2,000
2	Add ongoing funding for licensing and training costs		0	0	LAW - LW000	LAW - BO-LW-J1500 - Criminal	00100 - General Fund	2020	\$0	\$1,000
3	Pocket Adjustments		0	0	LAW - LW000	LAW - BO-LW-J1500 - Criminal	00100 - General Fund	2020	\$0	\$110,077
4	Pocket Adjustments	Paralegal - Law	1	1	LAW - LW000	LAW - BO-LW-J1500 - Criminal	00100 - General Fund	2020	\$0	\$0