

2020 Seattle City Council Budget Action

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Budget Action Title: Add \$117,000 GF in 2020 to LAW for a RDVFEU threat assessment specialist, add \$10,000 GF to HSD for rental assistance pilot, and impose two provisos

Ongoing: Yes 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	\$127,000	
Net Balance Effect	\$(127,000)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(127,000)	

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action would add \$117,000 GF to the City Attorney's Office (LAW) to fund a threat assessment specialist. This specialist would serve as a regional asset and first point of contact for high-risk firearm-related case assessment and would be responsible for case triage and assessment of both civil (protection order-related cases, including Extreme Risk Protection Orders) and criminal cases.

The Regional Domestic Violence Firearms Enforcement Unit (RDVFEU) 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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This Council Budget Action imposes the following proviso:

“Of the appropriation in the 2020 budget for the City Attorney's Office, \$117,000 is appropriated solely for a threat assessment specialist to be assigned to the Regional Domestic Violence Firearm Enforcement Unit and may be spent for no other purpose.”

This Council Budget Action also adds \$10,000 GF for 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. This funding is in addition to Council Budget Action HOM-13-B-1, which adds \$700,000 of General Fund for this purpose.

This Council Budget Action imposes the following proviso:

"Of the appropriations in the 2020 Budget for the Addressing Homelessness BSL, \$10,000 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	\$10,000
2	Increase appropriation to fund threat assessment specialist position		0	0	LAW - LW000	LAW - BO-LW-J1500 - Criminal	00100 - General Fund	2020	\$0	\$117,000
3	Pocket Adjustments	Paralegal - Law	1	1	LAW - LW000	LAW - BO-LW-J1500 - Criminal	00100 - General Fund	2020	\$0	\$0