

2021 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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Budget Action Title: Add \$1,068,000 GF to HSD to increase homelessness outreach services and impose four 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	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	TM	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2021 Increase (Decrease)	2022 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$1,068,000	
Net Balance Effect	\$(1,068,000)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(1,068,000)	

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action would add \$1,068,000 GF to the Human Services Department's (HSD's) 2021 budget to expand homelessness outreach and engagement services and provide flexible financial assistance for serving people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. These funds would be in addition to the \$9.4 million in the 2021 Proposed Budget that supports homelessness outreach citywide and the \$1.3 million that would support the City's Unsheltered Outreach and Response Team.

Of the \$1,068,000 GF this action would add to the Human Services Department's (HSD's) 2021 proposed budget, \$618,000 GF would support a contract to provide homelessness outreach services City-wide using a neighborhood-specific approach that allows outreach workers to develop relationships with unsheltered individuals over an extended period of time. To the degree possible, outreach workers providing services through this contract should be reflective of the communities to be served, including

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Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) individuals who have lived experience of homelessness; have specific training related to mental and behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment; assess eligibility for and facilitate connections to housing programs and other services; support good neighbor agreements, community security and safety, and community clean-up activities; serve as liaisons to businesses, Business Improvement Associations (BIAs), and community members and organizations; and provide services on the behalf of BIAs or in collaboration with organizations that serve as program managers for BIAs. It would be expected that two outreach workers are assigned to the Lake City neighborhood, two workers to northwest Seattle, one worker to West Seattle and South Park, and one worker to the Rainier Valley.

The remaining \$450,000 of the \$1,068,000 GF would be used by all homelessness outreach and engagement agencies to provide assistance to individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness, including but not limited to flexible financial assistance, case management, behavioral health services, and housing navigation. The total of \$1,068,000 corresponds to the funding provided by the Council for these services in 2020 through CB 119942.

This budget action would impose the following provisos:

"Of the appropriations in the Human Services Department's 2021 Budget for the Addressing Homelessness Budget Summary Level (HSD-BO-HS-H3000) in the General Fund (00100), \$200,000 is appropriated solely to increase homelessness outreach services in northwest Seattle, and may be spent for no other purpose."

"Of the appropriations in the Human Services Department's 2021 Budget for the Addressing Homelessness Budget Summary Level (HSD-BO-HS-H3000) in the General Fund (00100), \$100,000 is appropriated solely to increase homelessness outreach services in the West Seattle and South Park neighborhoods, and may be spent for no other purpose."

"Of the appropriations in the Human Services Department's 2021 Budget for the Addressing Homelessness Budget Summary Level (HSD-BO-HS-H3000) in the General Fund (00100), \$98,000 is appropriated solely to increase homelessness outreach services in the Rainier Valley, and may be spent for no other purpose."

"Of the appropriations in the Human Services Department's 2021 Budget for the Addressing Homelessness Budget Summary Level (HSD-BO-HS-H3000) in the General Fund (00100), \$220,000 is appropriated solely to increase homelessness outreach services the Lake City neighborhood, 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 homelessness outreach contracts		0	0	HSD - HS000	HSD - BO-HS-H3000 - Addressing Homelessness	00100 - General Fund	2021	\$0	\$1,068,000