

2021 Seattle City Council Budget Action

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Budget Action Title: Cut \$550,000 GF from Finance General for Equitable Communities Initiative and add \$550,000 GF to DEEL for a restorative justice pilot program

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

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Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	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	\$0	
Net Balance Effect	\$0	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$0	

Budget Action Description:

This budget action would cut \$550,000 GF from Finance General proposed for the Equitable Communities Initiative and add \$550,000 GF to the Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL) for a restorative justice pilot program at a limited number of Seattle schools.

The funding is intended to support the initial setup and first year of programming of a multi-year pilot program for schools, in partnership with community organizations, to implement restorative justice practices as an alternative to punitive discipline practices. The funding would allow the schools and community partners to provide restorative justice coordinators or teams that would facilitate schoolwide trainings for teachers and students to build and strengthen relationships, address behavioral issues in a culturally responsive and trauma-informed way, and assist with conflict resolution and de-escalation. The Council intends for all Seattle schools and their partners to be eligible to apply for funding, even if they

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have prior experience with restorative justice programming.

The Council requests that DEEL examine restorative justice programs that may already be operating in Seattle to inform the development of its competitive procurement process for pilot program funding. In recent years, King County's Best Starts for Kids and Public Health - Seattle & King County's Zero Youth Detention have funded restorative justice programs. Additionally, Cleveland High School uses a portion of its City education levy award to fund restorative justice coordinators.

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Increase appropriations for restorative justice pilot		0	0	DEEL - EE000	DEEL - BO-EE-IL200 - K-12 Programs	00100 - General Fund	2021	\$0	\$550,000
2	Decrease appropriations for Equitable Communities Initiative		0	0	FG - FG000	FG - BO-FG-2QD00 - General Purpose	00100 - General Fund	2021	\$0	\$(550,000)