

2021 Seattle City Council Budget Action

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Budget Action Title: Cut \$18 million GF from Finance General for the Equitable Communities Initiative and add \$18 million GF to Finance General for a Participatory Budgeting process 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	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 \$18.03 million from the 2021 Finance General (FG) reserves budget for the proposed Equitable Communities Initiative and add \$18.03 million GF to FG reserves for a Participatory Budgeting process and would place a proviso on those funds. Up to \$1 Million would be allocated to community-based organizations and City Departments to run the participatory budgeting process, including: contracting with community organizations for capacity-building activities; community-led community engagement that includes engaging membership organizations and community organizations; convening and supporting a steering committee to guide the process; marketing of the initiative; assisting with project research; proposal development; and contracting with successful projects. An additional \$500,000 would be allocated to support the development of a civilian crisis response and social services triage system app to make it easier to find, pay, and support community service providers and healers. The remaining funding would be allocated to successful project proposals for

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implementation of community safety strategies.

This budget action also imposes a proviso, as follows:

“Of the appropriation in the 2021 budget for Finance General Reserves, \$18,025,000 is appropriated solely to run the Participatory Budgeting Process, implement actions recommended to the City from the Participatory Budgeting process, and to develop a civilian crisis response and social services triage system app and may be spent for no other purpose. Furthermore, none of the money so appropriated may be spent until authorized by future ordinance. Council anticipates that such authority will not be granted until the Executive submits to the Council a plan for spending the funds.”

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Equitable Communities Initiative		0	0	FG - FG000	FG - BO-FG-2QD00 - General Purpose	00100 - General Fund	2021	\$0	\$(18,025,000)
2	Participatory Budgeting reserve		0	0	FG - FG000	FG - BO-FG-2QD00 - General Purpose	00100 - General Fund	2021	\$0	\$18,025,000