

2021 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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Budget Action Title: Cut \$10 million from Finance General for the Equitable Communities Initiative, add \$10 million to HSD for community-led public safety investments, 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 \$10,000,000 from the 2021 Finance General budget for the proposed Equitable Communities Initiative and add \$10,000,000 to the Human Services Department (HSD) for community-led public safety programs that were not funded in the proposed budget.

Ordinance 126148 appropriated \$4,000,000 for community-led investments such as the Seattle's Community Safety Initiative and \$10,000,000 for scaling up community-led organizations, including technical support and capacity building to increase public safety in the 2020 Budget. According to the Mayor's office, the \$4,000,000 investment will be distributed to community organizations in 2020, however the process to distribute the \$10,000,000 investment will not be completed by the end of 2020 and the appropriation will lapse.

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CBA BLG-002-B-001 would cut \$10,000,000 from HSD's 2020 budget for community-led investments in community safety that will not be distributed in 2020 and adds the funding back for the same purpose in the 2021 Budget. The Council expects that HSD will continue to develop a spending plan so investments can be made immediately in 2021. These investments should be developed in cooperation with impacted communities within the Intercept Model framework described in Central Staff's Community Safety and Violence Prevention Issue Identification paper, to help community members examine the current legal system through a public health framework, understand the range of existing community safety programs, identify gaps or duplications in safety programs, and to identify effective investments in new or expanded programs and person-centered outcomes for those investments. The investments should move the City's community safety strategy toward a public health-centered, harm reduction model of restorative justice, crime prevention, and ameliorating the harm caused by the criminal legal system to individuals and communities most impacted. These strategies should aim to prevent, reduce and mitigate both violent and non-violent crime.

This Council Budget Action would impose the following budget proviso:

"Of the appropriations in the 2021 budget for the Human Service Department's (HSD's) Supporting Safe Communities (HSD-BO-HS-H4000) Budget Summary Level, \$10 million is appropriated solely for community-led efforts to scale up organizations to increase public safety through technical support, capacity building, and expansion of capacity (including HSD's associated administrative costs) and may be spent for no other purpose, notwithstanding powers provided to the Mayor by Section 3 of the Proclamation of Civil Emergency dated March 3, 2020. These funds are intended to support the Council's re-imagining of community safety work. Furthermore, none of the \$10 million so appropriated may be spent until the City Council approves by ordinance a proposed spending plan organized within the Intercept Model framework submitted by HSD to the Public Safety and Human Services committee and the City Council Central Staff Director."

This version of the CBA includes the following revisions:

- (1) frames the investments in both the Intercept model and public health, harm reduction approach;
- (2) specifies that investments should respond to both violent and non-violent crime; and
- (3) asks that the spending plan required by the proviso be organized by the Intercept model.

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Cut \$10,000,000 ongoing GF from Finance General for Equitable Communities Initiative.		0	0	FG - FG000	FG - BO-FG-2QD00 - General Purpose	00100 - General Fund	2021	\$0	\$(10,000,000)
2	Add \$10,000,000 one-time GF to Supporting Safe Communities BSL		0	0	HSD - HS000	HSD - BO-HS-H4000 - Supporting Safe Communities	00100 - General Fund	2021	\$0	\$10,000,000