

# Safe & Thriving Communities (STC) Division

Public Safety and Human Services  
Committee Meeting

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# Safe and Thriving Communities (STC)

## Division: Background

- Existing and new safety-related efforts
- Includes ~30 staff
- Division functions as a
  - Funder
  - Direct service provider
  - Convener

# STC Division: Description

- **Community Safety Investments** - Supports youth, adults and families harmed by the criminal legal system through various supports and services.
- **Mayor's Office on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault** - Funds community-based organizations who provide gender-based violence (GBV) services; staffs the City's coordinated response to GBV
- **Crime Survivor Services** - Victim Support Team volunteers, at the request of officers, assist DV survivors and their children at crime scenes. Crime Victim Advocates work to ensure survivors have a voice in the criminal process, and their rights are protected.



# STC Division: Contracts

Source	Amount
Community Safety (existing)	\$5.9M
Council Add: Seattle Community Safety Initiative	\$4M
Council Add: Community Safety Capacity Building	\$12M*
MODVSA Gender-based Violence (existing)	\$9.4M
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$31.3M</b>

\*Includes administrative rate



# Crime Survivor Services (CSS): Background

- Legislation passed in August 2020 to transfer victim advocacy services from SPD to HSD
- Serves crime survivors of 11 different crime types
- Expertise in the complex trauma needs of each crime type
- Crime Victim Advocates are co-located within SPD Investigative Units

# CSS: Victim Support Team (VST)

- 60+ community volunteers
  - Responds on weekends to DV and sexual assault crime scenes at SPD's request
  - Provides timely resources and emergency trauma support
- Case management (staff advocate) addresses survivors' basic needs and systems coordination



# CSS: Crime Victim Advocates

- Follows-up with detectives and prosecutors, ensures victim bill of rights are upheld
- Ensures WA State statutory obligations are met related to timely notification to crime victims
- Attends critical hearings with, or on the behalf of, the family member and/or survivor
- Ongoing safety planning for survivors of coercive control
- Assists with mitigating the impact of the crime



# Question and Answer

