

Seattle City Council Select Budget Committee
 Proposed Budget Amendments | Tuesday, October 26, 2021

Department of Neighborhoods (DON)

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2022 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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DON	001	A	001

Budget Action Title: Add \$1.0 million GF to DON to support planning for the Chinatown/International District

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Tammy Morales

Council Members: Dan Strauss, Lorena González

Staff Analyst: Lish Whitson

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

	2022 Increase (Decrease)	2023 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$1,000,000	
Net Balance Effect	\$(1,000,000)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(1,000,000)	

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DON	001	A	001

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action would add \$1,000,000 GF to the Department of Neighborhoods for consultant assistance to support the Chinatown/International District neighborhood planning process.

The 2022 Proposed Budget would add a dedicated staff person to assist the community in this process. This amendment would provide resources for community engagement, including culturally appropriate in-language engagement, and the completion of the report. Previous years' budgets have provided funding for different phases of this work including \$175,000 in the 2021 Adopted Budget.

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Increase funding for Chinatown/International District Planning		0	0	DON - DN000	DON - BO-DN-I3300 - Community Building	00100 - General Fund	2022	\$0	\$1,000,000

2022 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Council Budget Action: Agenda

Tab	Action	Option	Version
DON	002	A	001

Budget Action Title: Request that DON provide recommendations on opportunities for a more equitable economy and community wealth building

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Tammy Morales

Council Members: Dan Strauss, Lorena González

Staff Analyst: Lish Whitson

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Department of Neighborhoods (DON), in consultation with the Office of Housing (OH), Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD), Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Office of Economic Development (OED), Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE), and Human Services Department (HSD), prepare a report on community wealth building and equitable economy strategies to reduce the racial wealth gap. The Council requests that DON provide a report to the City Council's Community Economic Development Committee or successor committee by August 31, 2022.

The City has many departments that are working on aspects of community and generational wealth. This SLI asks DON to work with these other departments and consultants to be hired to support the City's work on generational wealth, on ways that the City can provide a consistent ladder out of poverty. The report should provide a comprehensive evaluation of the City's programs and identify where there may be gaps and opportunities to more effectively deliver programs and services to the community. This request anticipates that consultants that are experts in inclusive growth and cross-sector strategic planning processes would support this work along with other work on generational wealth.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Community Economic Development

Date Due to Council: August 31, 2022

2022 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

Tab	Action	Option	Version
DON	003	A	001

Budget Action Title: Proviso \$750,000 GF in DON to develop and implement a Guaranteed Basic Income program

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Lorena González

Council Members: Tammy Morales, Dan Strauss

Staff Analyst: Karina Bull

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

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General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$0	
Net Balance Effect	\$0	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$0	

Tab	Action	Option	Version
DON	003	A	001

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would impose a proviso on \$750,000 GF in the Department of Neighborhoods (DON) to develop and implement a pilot Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) program in 2022.

GBI programs seek to reduce poverty and foster racial equity by providing individuals with guaranteed cash payments on a regular basis. The cash payments are meant to supplement, rather than replace, existing social safety nets. Recently, over 17 Mayors, including the City of Seattle Mayor, have joined the “Mayors for a Guaranteed Income,” a group that advocates for GBI by supporting pilot programs across the country. This CBA anticipates research and evaluation of these and other GBI programs to inform the development of a Seattle GBI pilot. The pilot would not restrict participation based on employment or immigration status and would start providing direct payments to individuals in 2022.

As recommended by the Equitable Community Initiative (ECI) Task Force, the Council passed a supplemental budget ordinance (ORD 126401) to authorize the investments recommended by the ECI Task Force. The supplemental budget ordinance authorized \$1.8 million to DON’s 2021 budget for development of a Resources for Wealth Education program to support BIPOC residents and business owners build wealth and achieve stability. Any unspent 2021 funds will carry forward into 2022.

The 2022 Proposed Budget includes another \$1.8 million of ongoing funding, including 2.5 FTES, for this work. It is unclear how the proposed appropriations would be used and an ongoing source of funds to support this work has not been identified. Through a separate budget amendment (CBA FG-001-A-001) the proposed 2022 appropriations for this work would be reduced from \$1.8 million to \$900,000. Assuming at least \$900,000 of the 2021 funding would carry forward, there would be a total of \$1.8 million in DON’s 2022 Budget for this program.

The budget amendment would impose a proviso on \$750,000 of those funds to be used to develop and implement a GBI pilot. This CBA would impose the following proviso:

“Of the appropriations in the 2022 budget for the Department of Neighborhoods’ Resources for Wealth Education program (PO-DN-13334) Community Building Budget Summary Level, \$750,000 is appropriated solely to develop and implement a Guaranteed Basic Income program in 2022 and may be spent for no other purpose.”

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