

# 2022 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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HSD	028	A	001

**Budget Action Title:** Proviso \$750,000 GF in HSD for pre-filing diversion contracts with community-based organizations

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

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Council Members:

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Council Bill or Resolution:

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	Yes	0									
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**Budget Action Description:**

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would impose a proviso on \$750,000 GF added to the Human Service Department (HSD) in CBA HSD-022-B-001 to contract with community-based organizations partnering with the City Attorney's Office (LAW) on pre-filing diversion for individuals 25 and older to require that the funds go through a community-developed request for proposals (RFP) and a community selection process and restricts expenditure until a set of principles to govern diversion is developed.

The City Attorney's Office conducted a Racial Equity Toolkit (RET) assessing expansion of the pre-filing diversion program. The RET referenced a variety of principles and elements to ensure effective results from a pre-filing diversion program. The Community Task Force Report on the Criminal Legal System, issued in September 2021, also recommended that the City adopt a set of principles to guide diversion before investing more funding in the program.

This Council Budget Action would impose the following proviso:

“Of the appropriation in the 2022 budget for the Human Services Department Supporting Safe Communities Budget Summary Level (BO-HS-H4000) \$750,000 is appropriated solely for contracting with community-based organizations to support expanded pre-filing diversion using a community-developed request for proposal process and a community-based selection process and may be spent for no other purpose. Furthermore, none of the money so appropriated may be spent until the Human Services Department develops a set of principles and guiding elements drawn from the pre-filing diversion racial equity toolkit and the Community Task Force Report on the Criminal Legal System to govern pre-filing diversion programs.”