

# 2022 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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OCR	002	A	001

**Budget Action Title:** Add \$120,000 GF to OCR for a domestic violence (DV) community expert and stakeholder workgroup

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: No

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

	2022 Increase (Decrease)	2023 Increase (Decrease)
<b>General Fund</b>		
<b>General Fund Revenues</b>	\$0	
<b>General Fund Expenditures</b>	\$120,000	
<b>Net Balance Effect</b>	<b>\$(120,000)</b>	
<b>Total Budget Balance Effect</b>	<b>\$(120,000)</b>	

## Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action would add \$120,000 GF to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) to create and staff a work group of community members to issue recommendations about alternatives to incarceration for individuals accused of misdemeanor domestic violence (DV).

Creation of a work group for this purpose was recommended by the Community Task Force Report on the Criminal Legal System (CLS), issued in September 2021. The report recommendation stated that "[a] workgroup of community experts and survivors would focus on non-CLS responses to DV and support building up community infrastructure for non-CLS responses that have the capacity, agility, and flexibility to respond to a host of scenarios that would otherwise constitute misdemeanor DV." The work group would:

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- Analyze misdemeanor DV cases and existing court-mandated programs including the Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP);
- Engage with survivors of DV misdemeanor violence about what preventative support and crisis support could look like;
- Engage with individuals charged with DV misdemeanor violence on the effectiveness of programs; and
- Identify existing gaps in the current landscape of DV support work and areas for further skill building and support for existing grassroots and non-profit formations.

The work group would then develop recommendations to institutional stakeholders regarding how to handle misdemeanor DV.

The fund would support hiring a consultant, providing members with stipends, and child care and food for any in-person convening. Allocation of these funds would be similar to the way OCR funded and staffed the Community Task Force on CLS realignment.

## Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Add funds for DV work group		0	0	OCR - CR000	OCR - BO-CR-X1R00 - Civil Rights	00100 - General Fund	2022	\$0	\$120,000