



Budget Fact Sheet – Public Safety

Mayor Harrell has proposed a public safety budget that reflects his commitment that every resident has an inherent right to safety and that our communities can thrive when they are free from fear. We will lead with a comprehensive approach – swift responses, support for victims and survivors, community partnerships, innovative approaches and long-term solutions.

This 2023-2024 Proposed Public Safety Budget makes critical investments to address vacancies in our emergency response, because even as we plan for the future of alternative systems, we must still deliver life-saving services to residents today. The proposed Seattle Police Department budget is \$375.7 million, the proposed Seattle Fire Department budget is \$266.5 million. The Public Safety budget also includes funding for HSD and SPL and is complemented by proposed expansion of Park Rangers in the Seattle Park District levy.

This budget includes a transfer of Parking Enforcement Officers (PEOs) from the Department of Transportation back to SPD. This transfer reverses a 2020 decision and will solve outstanding issues with special commissions, disciplinary issues, and access to SPD facilities. It would also avert \$5.5 million in overhead and overtime expenses through operational efficiencies by being returned to SPD.

Seattle Police Department

COST	INVESTMENT AREA
\$4.3M	Recruit and retain the right number and right kind of officers to support and serve our city. Initiatives include hiring bonus program, marketing, training, and process improvements.
\$3M	Fund data analytics platform and other technology solutions to support accountability, transparency, equity, and other key department goals.
\$491K	Provide mental health and wellness resources to police employees through funding a full-time Qualified Mental Health Professional and contracting services.
\$446K	Build a foundation of community understanding and trust with Before the Badge program for recruits.

Seattle Fire Department

COST	INVESTMENT AREA
\$2.5M	Hire a total of 90 fire fighter recruits, an increase of 30 recruits. Train a total of eight paramedic students, an increase of 3 students.

\$54M | Design and construction of a new Fire Station 31 in North Seattle, which will improve response times, maximize firefighter safety, and support operational needs for the next 30 years.

Violence Prevention and Victim Support

COST	INVESTMENT AREA
\$4.3M	Prevent gun violence through Seattle Community Safety Initiative serving families of color in the Southeast Seattle, Central District, and West Seattle neighborhoods.
\$1.5M	Restoration services for youth and families impacted by gun violence through King County Regional Peacekeepers Collective.
\$326K	Support survivors of sexual assault with new victim advocacy staff in the Human Services Department.
\$176K	Assess the current gaps in victim support advocacy and hire staff to support process improvements.
\$438k	Increase staffing support for the Law Department’s Domestic Violence (DV) Unit and non-DV victim advocates.