



Budget Fact Sheet – Deepening Investments in Public Health, Public Safety, and Alternative Response

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.

Seattle Police Department

COST	INVESTMENT AREA
\$6.3M	Reallocated salary savings from 57 anticipated officer vacancies to fund overtime needed to staff emergency response, investigations, and special operations.
\$4.5M	Improve and incentivize police recruitment efforts to address critical staffing shortages with officer hiring bonuses, enhanced recruitment tools, and targeted marketing and advertising to reach the right kind of recruits to serve Seattle’s diverse communities. Funding for this was allocated in 2023 and will be used through 2024.
\$1.8M	Implement a pilot project to leverage technological resources to help protect neighborhoods impacted by recurring gun violence, collect evidence to solve crimes, and address the increase in stolen vehicles. This was funded through salary savings.

Seattle Fire Department

COST	INVESTMENT AREA
\$5.6M	Add 24 positions for West Seattle operations at Fire Station 26 and 37 to make temporary services that were started during the closure of the West Seattle Bridge permanent. Funding was allocated in 2023 and the department will start recruiting for these additional positions.
\$324K	Expand Health One's Post Overdose Response Team to deliver critical care and services to people who have recently experience an overdose.

Violence Prevention and Victim Support

COST	INVESTMENT AREA
\$150K	Support for Immigrant and Safety Access Network to help increase resources for immigrant and refugee communities following crimes.

CARE Department

COST	INVESTMENT AREA
\$1.8M	Launch Dual Dispatch pilot to identify and respond to appropriate types of calls, starting with low-risk priority 3 and priority 4 person down and welfare check calls.
\$1.5M	Increase Operating Budget for improved staffing levels including adding three 911 Call Takers to address a critical need and function in Seattle's emergency response system to ensure calls are answered in a timely, efficient, and effective manner.
\$1.2M	Fund needed technology upgrades to integrate the call recording and dispatch software which will simplify processes and improve our ability to tie recordings to events and leverage new tools to help with Quality Assurance. Funding was adopted in the 2023 supplemental budget and will be spent over the coming year.

Responding to the Fentanyl and Synthetic Drug Epidemic

COST	INVESTMENT AREA
\$7M	Launch post overdose recovery facility and services with one-time funding from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds so people have a place to get better and get the help they need.
\$1.9M	Provide ongoing and one-time funding for harm reduction services and drug user treatment including to ensure this critical resource is available for years to come. Total investment in this area is \$2.2M, including the \$324K supporting Health One listed under Seattle Fire Department.