Seattle City Council Select Budget Committee

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Community Assisted Response and Engagement (CARE)

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CARE-001-A

Increase CARE by $2.3 million GF (2027) and $2.3 million GF (2028) for Community Crisis Responder staffing

SPONSORS

Dan Strauss, Eddie Lin, Alexis Mercedes Rinck

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fund	2027 Increase (Decrease)	2028 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	$(2,261,049)	$(2,261,049)
Total Budget Balance Effect	**$(2,261,049)**	**$(2,261,049)**

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would increase the Community Assisted Response and Engagement (CARE) department by $2,261,000 GF in 2027 and $2,261,000 GF in 2028 to fund 14 Community Crisis Responder (CCR) positions. These positions are currently vacant and funding for them is reduced in the 2027-2028 Proposed Budget.

ATTACHMENT: No

TRANSACTIONS - ONGOING

Dept	BSL	BCL	Year	Revenue	Expenditure
CARE	Community Assisted Response and Engagement	00100-BO-CS-40000	2027		$2,261,049
CARE	Community Assisted Response and Engagement	00100-BO-CS-40000	2028		$2,261,049

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2027 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

V1

CARE-002S-A

Request CARE to report on gun violence plan implementation update

SPONSORS

Joy Hollingsworth, Debora Juarez, Robert Kettle

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Community Assisted Response and Engagement (CARE) department, in coordination with the Mayor's Office, submit a gun violence plan implementation update to the Council by March 31, 2027 that includes the following components: 1) an intended timeline of actions and specific deliverables associated with the Mayor's Gun Violence Plan (MGVP, the plan), including currently in-progress and completed components and covering planned work on the plan in 2027; 2) a description of how City of Seattle (City) and City-funded services and actions involved in the plan will be coordinated and evaluated, including the ways in which deliverables and evaluation metrics align or differ across involved departments; 3) a list of all current and 2027-planned City investments associated with preventing, intervening in, and/or responding to gun violence; 4) a description of how the Executive plans to evaluate the implementation and success of the plan during 2027; and 5) a description of how the Executive intends to ensure that design and implementation of the plan meets the specific needs and demographics of gun violence incidents in Seattle (including geographic, days and times of day, age and ethnic/racial trends in victimization).

Responsible Council Committee(s): City Council

DUE DATE: March 31, 2027

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V1

CARE-003-A

Proviso $250,000 GF in CARE for gun violence technical assistance

SPONSORS

Eddie Lin, Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Dionne Foster

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fund	2027 Increase (Decrease)	2028 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	$0	$0
Total Budget Balance Effect	$0	$0

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would impose a proviso on $250,000 GF in the Community Assisted Response and Engagement (CARE) department for the local planning, preparation, and implementation of a focused deterrence strategy connected to the recommendations of a nationally renowned consultant, such as the National Network for Safe Communities. This funding is intended to complement the anticipated contract with the national consultant and to compensate local consultants and Community Violence Intervention (CVI) providers to participate in planning efforts, provide technical assistance to the City of Seattle, implement recommendations from the national consultant, and align data on gun violence and prevention work.

The 2027-28 Proposed Budget includes the transfer of contracting and other dollars from the Human Services Department (HSD) to the CARE department to enable CARE to assume a new role as a primary coordinating entity within the City's effort to address gun violence. $1.2 million GF is proposed to be transferred from HSD to CARE in 2027 to "support immediate actions to address gun violence that expands and compliments the City's current investments in violence prevention and intervention."

The Executive has identified that they plan to spend $464,000 of this $1.2 million in 2027 on "program audits, evaluation design and implementation, and technical assistance for programming such as community violence intervention, focused deterrence, and violence interrupters." This proviso would provide additional guidance on the appropriation of this funding by specifying that these efforts should involve local subject matter expertise.

This CBA would impose the following proviso:

“Of the appropriations in the Community Assisted Response and Engagement department's 2027 budget for the 911 Call Response Budget Summary Level (CARE-BO-CS-1000), $250,000 is appropriated solely for the local planning, preparation, and implementation of a focused deterrence strategy connected to the recommendations of a nationally renowned consultant, such as the National Network for Safe Communities, and may be appropriated for no other purpose. This funding is intended to complement the anticipated contract with the national consultant and to compensate local consultants

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and Community Violence Intervention (CVI) providers to participate in planning efforts, provide technical assistance to the City of Seattle, implement recommendations from the national consultant, and align data on gun violence and prevention work.

ATTACHMENT: No

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2027 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

V1

CARE-004S-A

Request CARE to report on gun violence plan details

SPONSORS

Eddie Lin, Robert Kettle, Alexis Mercedes Rinck

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Community Assisted Response and Engagement (CARE) department, in coordination with the Mayor's Office, submit a report providing updates to the Mayor's Gun Violence Plan (MGVP, the plan) to the Public Safety Committee, or successor committee, by December 1, 2027 that includes the following components: 1) a comprehensive list of all City of Seattle investments addressing gun violence (including prevention, intervention, recovery, and community transformation elements), this list should describe investments by department, dollar amount, duration of strategy, current contractor, success metrics and deliverables, and method of coordination with other plan elements and providers; 2) a description of the City's approach to training and professionalization of community violence intervention work; 3) an analysis of the City's approach to contracting with providers across the involved departments and domains of the plan (prevention, intervention, recovery, and community transformation), including current and planned efforts to improve the contracting process to better address the needs of diverse geographic and demographic Seattle communities most at risk for gun violence; and, 4) the current and planned future state of collaboration and coordination with regional partners such as King County to address gun violence.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Public Safety

DUE DATE: December 1, 2027

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CARE-006-A

Increase CARE by $293,000 GF (2027) and $296,000 GF (2028) and 2.0 FTE 911 Dispatcher I positions for non-emergency call takers and impose a proviso

SPONSORS

Maritza Rivera, Rob Saka, Robert Kettle

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fund	2027 Increase (Decrease)	2028 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	$(292,582)	$(296,468)
Total Budget Balance Effect	$(292,582)	$(296,468)

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would increase the Community Assisted Response and Engagement (CARE) department by $293,000 GF in 2027 and $296,000 GF in 2028, and add 2.0 FTE 911 Dispatcher I positions, and impose a proviso in 2027 for 911 call taker staffing to prioritize non-emergency calls with the intention to decrease non-emergency line wait times.

This Council Budget Action would impose the following proviso:
"Of the appropriations in the Community Assisted Response and Engagement department's 2027 budget for the 911 Call Response Budget Summary Level (CARE-BO-CS-10000), $293,000 is appropriated solely for 911 call taker staffing to prioritize non-emergency calls with the intention to decrease non-emergency line wait times, and may be spent for no other purpose."

ATTACHMENT: No

TRANSACTIONS - ONGOING

Dept	BSL	BCL	Year	Revenue	Expenditure
CARE	911 Call Response	00100-BO-CS-10000	2027		$292,582
CARE	911 Call Response	00100-BO-CS-10000	2028		$296,468

POSITIONS

Dept	BCL	Year	Position Title	Positions	FTE
CARE	00100-BO-CS-10000	2027	911 Emergency Communication	2	2

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			Dispatcher I		
CARE	00100-BO-CS-10000	2028	911 Emergency Communication Dispatcher I	2	2

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V1

CARE-007S-A

Request CARE to report on LEAD and CoLEAD programming

SPONSORS

Maritza Rivera, Rob Saka, Joy Hollingsworth

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the CARE department provide separate quarterly reports, beginning April 1, 2027 to the Public Safety Committee, or successor committee, on LEAD and CoLEAD, respectively. Each report should contain comprehensive analysis evaluating programming to date including, but not limited to: 1) providing the operating definition of active participants in programming; 2) an analysis of any overlapping or duplicative services provided by the Seattle City Attorney's Office Connection Court program; 3) a description of communication protocols with the Seattle Police Department if a participant proves to be unreachable; 4) a description of outreach, engagement, and communication protocols with enrolled participants (including how frequently participants are expected to have contact with staff); 5) a description of the standard outreach process and scheduling (including the process specifically for participants who are unhoused or otherwise lacking a fixed address); 6) metrics on annual number of participants who have completed substance use treatment; 7) the number of participants with prior criminal records who did not reoffend or have additional police contact for 12 months; 8) the number of participants lost to follow-ups either due to dropping out of the program, not responding to outreach, etc.; 9) details on how law enforcement can determine when to refer potential participants to LEAD; 10) annual reporting of participants and demographic details of population served since 2017; 11) comparison of LEAD participants to a statistically matched group of individuals arrested for similar charges in Seattle to allow for a comparison of outcomes following intervention; and, 12) how LEAD and CoLEAD define success (i.e., participants diverted, treated, employed, etc.).

Responsible Council Committee(s): Public Safety

DUE DATE: April 1, 2027