

## **City Council's 2009-2010 Budget – Major Highlights**

### **Human Services:**

#### **Homeless Services**

The proposed 2009/2010 budget includes:

- \$2.5 million for homeless services and housing including:
  - 70 new shelter beds for individuals relocated from encampments
  - Hotel/motel vouchers to assist 10 homeless families get off the street
  - Facility funding for the new First Methodist Church shelter
  - Expanded day and hygiene services and case management services for chronically homeless individuals in downtown Seattle
  - Support services for over 100 homeless individuals living in Housing First units
  - Capital funding for an additional 32 units of housing units for homeless individuals

The City Council also added:

- \$50,000 in 2009 and in 2010 for increased eviction prevention funding

#### **Food and Nutrition**

The proposed 2009/2010 budget includes:

- \$121,000 for expansion of PeoplePoint, to expand access to 14 public benefits programs

The City Council also added and restored:

- \$85,000 for increased Food Stamp outreach and recruitment to provide a total addition in new funding of \$175,000
- \$200,000 in 2009 and \$200,000 in 2010 for increased Bulk Buy purchases of food for area food banks to provide a total addition in new funding of \$682,000
- \$200,000 in 2009 and \$200,000 in 2010 for expanding homebound grocery deliveries including the elderly and adult disabled to provide a total addition in new funding of \$600,000
- \$700,000 for continuation of home-delivery of groceries and Bulk Buy of food

#### **Senior Center Funding**

The City Council restored:

- \$200,000 in 2009 and \$200,000 in 2010 for full funding of Senior Centers.

#### **Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Prevention**

The City Council added and restored:

- \$127,000 in 2009 and \$132,000 in 2010 to restore domestic violence prevention programs. This includes funding for an after-hours cell phone program involving the Refugee Women's Alliance, Consejo Counseling referral Services and Asian Pacific Islander Women and Family Center, and interpreter services

- \$100,000 each year for a domestic violence attorney for immigrant victims
- \$10,000 for South Asian immigrant and refugee domestic violence prevention services

### **Policy Advocacy Programs to benefit Seattle's Poor and Infirm**

The City Council partially restored:

- \$202,000 in 2009 and \$204,000 in 2010 to fund Policy Advocacy Programs to leverage County, State and Federal funding for public benefits and safety net programs

### **Capacity Building and Technical Assistance to Nonprofit Agencies**

The City Council partially restored:

- \$150,000 in 2009 and \$153,900 in 2010 to fund Capacity Building and Technical Assistance programs

## **Law Department**

### **Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Prevention**

The City Council restored:

- Over \$200,000 to fund a Domestic Violence Attorney in Law Department, a co-location of King County Domestic Violence Prosecutor and a Domestic Violence Intern

## **Criminal Justice & Youth Violence**

### **Public Safety and Human Services Programs**

The City Council restored:

- \$78,155 in 2009 and \$79,327 in 2010 funding to the Reinvesting in Youth program
- \$950,000 to fund the CURB, GOTS, and Co-STAR programs in 2009
  - Communities Uniting Rainier Beach (CURB): Provide up to 75 young adults from Rainier Beach who are involved in low-level criminal activity with peer outreach, service intervention, and case management
  - Get Off the Streets (GOTS): Provide peer outreach, service intervention, and case management to up to 50 adults from the Central Area who are continually involved in the criminal justice system
  - Court Specialized Treatment and Access to Recovery Services (Co-STAR): Provide housing and treatment services to individuals who create public safety concerns in the downtown area. Co-STAR will have the capacity to offer temporary and permanent housing to up to 45 individuals on an ongoing basis and also provide treatment services to about 50 clients per month.

## **Youth Violence Prevention**

The proposed 2009/2010 budget includes:

- Over \$7 million in 2009 – 2010 for programs targeting youth violence prevention

## **Seattle Police Department**

The proposed 2009/2010 budget includes:

- Funding to add 20 new police officers in 2009 and another 20 in 2010

## **Library**

### **Library Collections**

City Council added \$300,000 to the proposed 2009/2010 budget to provide a total of \$800,000 in additional funding to support the following:

- Increase supplies of popular titles in all formats (books, digital media, etc.)
- Expand collections of online materials
- Enlarge collections of ESL materials
- Enhance children's collection and increase selections of early literacy materials
- Replace public computers

## **Transportation**

### **Linden Street Improvement Project**

The City Council reprioritized funding from the proposed 2009/2010 budget to add:

- \$2 million over the biennium to achieve 100% design for the project and accelerate future implementation of transportation improvements
  - Signal City commitment to the project by amending the 2009-2014 CIP to provide \$15 million in funding for implementation

### **Neighborhood Traffic Control Program**

The City Council restored:

- \$154,000 in 2009 and \$176,000 in 2010 for full funding of the Neighborhood Traffic Control Program to improve public safety

## **Technology**

### **Development of Citizen Portal**

The City Council added:

- \$175,000 in 2009 and \$175,000 in 2010 to increase access to City government

## **Neighborhoods/Neighborhood Planning**

### **Neighborhood Planning**

City Council added:

- \$140,000 in 2009 and \$140,000 in 2010 to provide a total addition in funding of \$300,000 to support the following:
  - Neighborhood planning activities, including funding for neighborhood planning outreach and support for the newly created Neighborhood Planning Advisory Committee

### **Disaster Response**

The City Council added:

- \$20,000 to fund the development of disaster response plans by neighborhood groups

## **Parks**

### **Community Center Computer Labs**

The City Council restored:

- \$63,000 per year in funding to maintain computer lab hours at community centers

## **Streamlining Government**

### **Reductions in staffing**

The proposed 2009/2010 budget includes:

- The elimination of 16 new positions requested by Seattle City Light, 5 Office of Economic Development positions, and 13 Seattle Public Utilities positions
- Reductions in contracts for consulting services and professional services in a number of City agencies