

Office of Intergovernmental Relations

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Department Overview

The Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR) provides advice and information to, and on behalf of, City elected officials, City departments, and external partners. The primary goal of these efforts is to ensure the City's interests are advanced with regional, state, federal, tribal, and international entities to enable the City to better serve the Seattle community. OIR is also responsible for engaging with other jurisdictions and governmental entities to collaborate and advocate for outcomes that are in the interest of the City and region. OIR implements and manages lobbying contracts and ensures the City's lobbying resources align with the City's strategic advocacy priorities.

Budget Snapshot

	2022 Actuals	2023 Adopted	2024 Endorsed	2024 Adopted
Department Support				
General Fund Support	3,112,667	3,105,778	3,141,485	3,124,456
Total Operations	3,112,667	3,105,778	3,141,485	3,124,456
Total Appropriations	3,112,667	3,105,778	3,141,485	3,124,456
Full-Time Equivalents Total*	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00

* FTE totals are provided for informational purposes only. Changes in FTEs resulting from City Council or Human Resources Director actions outside of the budget process may not be detailed here

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Incremental Budget Changes

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	2024 Budget	FTE
Total 2024 Endorsed Budget	3,141,485	10.00
Baseline		
Citywide Adjustments for Standard Cost Changes	(73)	-
Technical Adjustment for Central Cost Manual Changes	-	-
Miscellaneous Technical Adjustments	-	-
Council		
SCERS Contribution Rate Change	(16,956)	-
Total Incremental Changes	\$(17,029)	-
Total 2024 Adopted Budget	\$3,124,456	10.00

Description of Incremental Budget Changes

Baseline

Citywide Adjustments for Standard Cost Changes

Expenditures \$(73)

Citywide technical adjustments made in the baseline phase reflect changes to internal services costs, including rates from the Department of Finance & Administrative Services, Seattle Information Technology Department, Seattle Department of Human Resources, and for healthcare, retirement, and industrial insurance charges for the department. These adjustments reflect initial assumptions about these costs and inflators early in the budget process.

Technical Adjustment for Central Cost Manual Changes

Expenditures -

This budget-neutral item aligns accounts related to Citywide Adjustments for Standard Cost Changes.

Miscellaneous Technical Adjustments

Expenditures -

This budget-neutral item makes several technical adjustments to add and correct project and accounting coding.

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Council

SCERS Contribution Rate Change

Expenditures \$(16,956)

The City's employee retirement system, the Seattle City Employees Retirement System (SCERS), of which most non-uniformed City employees are members, is a defined benefit pension program funded by a combination of salary-based employer (i.e., the City) and employee contributions, and investment earnings.

The employer portion of the SCERS contribution is funded through the annual budget process as a percentage of salaries based on several factors including reports from the contracted actuary and the City's long-range financial forecasts. The Mayor's 2024 Proposed Mid-Biennial Budget included an employer contribution rate of 16.22%, which was determined prior to the actuary's recommendation but provided for long-term "smoothing" given the City's long-term financial challenges.

This item reduces the employer contribution rate from the proposed rate of 16.22% to the SCERS minimum actuarial required rate of 15.17%, which was determined to provide sufficient funding to the retirement system to achieve 100% funded status by 2042.

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2023-24 Mid-Biennium Adopted Budget Updates - Expenses

Budget Summary Level	Fund	Budget Process Phase Endorsed	Adopted Changes	Grand Total
Office of Intergovernmental Relations	00100 - General Fund	3,141,485	-17,029	3,124,456
Office of Intergovernmental Relations Total		3,141,485	-17,029	3,124,456
Grand Total		3,141,485	-17,029	3,124,456