

2013 - 2014 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Cut \$750k GSF in 2013 and \$207k GSF in 2014 and one position in SPD for AGLS technology; add \$1m GSF in 2013 to fund additional SPD emphasis patrol work; add \$1.57m in 2014 for 21 police officers.

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Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	SB	BH	TR	RC	TB	NL	JG	SC	MO
	Yes										
	No										
	Abstain										
	Absent										

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2013 Increase (Decrease)	2014 Increase (Decrease)
General Subfund		
General Subfund Revenues	\$0	\$0
General Subfund Expenditures	\$250,000	\$1,362,940
Net Balance Effect	(\$250,000)	(\$1,362,940)
Total Budget Balance Effect	(\$250,000)	(\$1,362,940)

Budget Action description:

This green sheet does the following:

- 1) Cuts \$750,000 GSF in 2013 and \$207,060 GSF in 2014 and one related position in SPD to purchase and maintain an Acoustic Gunshot Location System (AGLS).
- 2) Adds \$1 million in 2013 to Finance General to pay for additional Seattle Police Department (SPD) emphasis patrol work that may be needed in 2013 and for which SPD's 2013 Adopted Budget may be insufficient to cover.
- 3) Adds \$1.57 million in 2014 to hire 21 officers so that the level of sworn staffing remains stable after the increases of 2013.

AGLS cut

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AGLS can identify the location of random gunshots fired outside by triangulating acoustic waves generated from the gunfire. SPD said that it would select a system that includes cameras capable of “ongoing recording” to capture scenes both before and after a shot is fired. Evidence-based research confirming the benefits of AGLS technology is difficult to come by. Anecdotal information suggests mixed reviews of AGLS technology.

To date, only one independent peer-reviewed study has been conducted that specifically examines AGLS’ effectiveness in reducing gunshots and gun-related crime. The study found AGLS has “no appreciable effect” on gun crimes and that problem-oriented policing strategies, such as directed patrol, are likely more effective for reducing crime.

2013 emphasis patrol add

Emphasis patrols are a form of proactive “hot spot” policing. There is good evidence that hot spot policing is effective in reducing crime – more effective, for example, than such standard elements of policing as fast responses to 911 calls, follow-up investigations, and random patrol. A variety of specific policing activities fit under this general label and Council intends these funds be held in reserve for this purpose.

2014 police officer add

The proposed budget for 2013 increases the number of new officers to a level that cannot be sustained in the proposed 2014 budget. As a result, the proposed 2014 budget hires 21 fewer officers than needed to replace the number expected to retire, leading to a decline in fully trained officers into 2015. This green sheet adds funding sufficient to hire an additional 21 officers in 2014 so that sworn staffing levels remain stable, yielding approximately 1,257 positions in service by the end of 2014. The additional cost of \$1.57 million includes \$1.08 million for salaries and benefits and \$489,000 for training and equipment. SPD has sufficient position authority for these additional officers, so no positions are added.

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Budget Action Transactions

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#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BCL or Revenue Source	Summit Code	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Cut GSF to SPD for AGLS	Info Technol Prof B - FT	-1	-1	SPD	Special Operations	P3400	00100	2013		(\$750,000)
2	Cut GSF to SPD for AGLS	Info Technol Prof B - FT	-1	-1	SPD	Special Operations	P3400	00100	2014		(\$207,060)
3	Add GSF to finance general reserves for police overtime				FG	Reserves	2QD00	00100	2013		\$1,000,000
4	Add \$314,000 to SPD for new police hires.				SPD	East Precinct	P6600	00100	2014		\$314,000
5	Add \$314,000 to SPD for new police hires.				SPD	North Precinct Patrol	P6200	00100	2014		\$314,000
6	Add \$314,000 to SPD for new police hires.				SPD	South Precinct Patrol	P6500	00100	2014		\$314,000
7	Add \$314,000 to SPD for new police hires.				SPD	Southwest Precinct Patrol	P6700	00100	2014		\$314,000
8	Add \$314,000 to SPD for new police hires.				SPD	West Precinct Patrol	P6100	00100	2014		\$314,000