

Finance General

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Department Overview

Finance General provides a mechanism for allocating General Subfund resources to reserve and bond redemption funds, City department operating funds, and certain programs for which there is desire for additional Council, Mayor, or City Budget Office oversight.

Budget Snapshot

Department Support	2014 Actuals	2015 Adopted	2016 Endorsed	2016 Proposed
General Fund Support	\$413,411,784	\$429,227,171	\$444,258,526	\$455,429,480
Total Operations	\$413,411,784	\$429,227,171	\$444,258,526	\$455,429,480
Total Appropriations	\$413,411,784	\$429,227,171	\$444,258,526	\$455,429,480
Full-time Equivalent Total*	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

Budget Overview

Finance General serves as a central repository to pay for ongoing City costs, subsidize the operations of City departments, and provide contributions to outside organizations. It also provides a mechanism to hold appropriations temporarily until the City determines the appropriate managing department, or to act as a contingency reserve to respond to unpredictable situations, or cover costs that vary with economic conditions. For additional information on these items, please refer to the department-specific sections.

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Incremental Budget Changes

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	2016 Budget	FTE
Total 2016 Endorsed Budget	\$ 444,258,526	0.00
Baseline Changes		
Citywide Adjustments for Standard Cost Changes	\$ 680,227	0.00
Proposed Changes		
Chief Seattle's Historic Home and Gravesite	\$ 1,500,000	0.00
Burke Museum	\$ 500,000	0.00
Nordic Heritage Museum	\$ 500,000	0.00
Restoration of Town Hall	\$ 500,000	0.00
Seattle Opera House	\$ 200,000	0.00
Arts and Cultural Affairs Support	\$ 368,604	0.00
Data Analytics Platform	-\$ 2,000,000	0.00
Police Accountability Reserve	\$ 2,924,489	0.00
Police Civilian Community Liaison Services	\$ 550,000	0.00
Food Lifeline	\$ 250,000	0.00
Proposed Technical Changes		
Updated Costs for Recurring Expenses	-\$ 860,470	0.00
Program Moves	-\$ 3,939,427	0.00
General Fund Support	\$ 9,997,531	0.00
Total Incremental Changes	\$ 7,170,954	0.00
2016 Proposed Budget	\$ 455,429,480	0.00

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Descriptions of Incremental Budget Changes

Baseline Changes

Citywide Adjustments for Standard Cost Changes - \$680,227

Citywide technical adjustments made in the initial planning phase reflect changes in the internal services costs, health care rate reduction, retirement contribution rate reduction, and updates to unemployment and industrial insurance charges. There was also an adjustment made to the 2016 base to recoup savings from a higher-than-expected inflation provided in the 2015 Adopted Budget for non-labor expenses. These adjustments reflect initial assumptions about these costs and inflators early in the budget process.

Proposed Changes

Chief Seattle's Historic Home and Gravesite - \$1,500,000

The City of Seattle is named for Chief Seattle - Chief of the regional Suquamish Tribe in the early 1800s and contributor to the success of pioneer Puget Sound settlers and the transatlantic railway. The Suquamish Tribe and the City of Seattle have been collaborating in an effort to honor the long and historic relationship between the two governments through a proposed joint project located in Suquamish, Washington. This project, designed to provide public benefit to the community at-large, encourages Seattle residents and visitors to learn about the City's history and heritage. The proposed joint project includes improvements on the Port Madison Indian Reservation to Old Man House Park and Chief Seattle's Grave, and construction of an interpretive trail linking historic and cultural features on the reservation including the Old Man House Park, Suquamish Shores, Veteran's Memorial and Chief Seattle's Grave. As a part of this project, the Suquamish Tribe will provide culturally significant materials to the City of Seattle for incorporation in the Seattle Waterfront Promenade.

Burke Museum - \$500,000

The Burke Museum, located on the edge of the University of Washington, is the oldest public museum in Washington, and was designated the State Museum in 1899. It is a research and collections-based natural history museum that curates 16 million objects. The Burke Museum is engaged in a fund raising effort to build a new museum at its current location on the University campus. The proposed design includes a public space specifically oriented toward 15th Avenue and the broader University District community. The City's \$500,000 investment, which will be subject to completing an agreement with the Burke Museum for public benefits, will leverage significant private contributions and additional public funding.

Nordic Heritage Museum - \$500,000

The Nordic Heritage Museum in northwest Seattle shares Nordic culture with people of all ages and backgrounds by exhibiting art and objects, preserving collections, providing educational and cultural experiences, and serving as a community gathering place. The museum is undertaking a major capital campaign to fund construction of a new museum facility in Ballard. The City's \$500,000 investment, which will be subject to completing an agreement with the Nordic Heritage Museum for public benefits, will leverage significant private contributions and additional public funding.

Restoration of Town Hall - \$500,000

Town Hall is Seattle's community cultural center, offering a broad program of over 450 music, humanities, civic discourse, and world culture events annually. Located in a century-old historic building at Seneca and 8th Avenue, Town Hall provides unique and flexible spaces for cultural and civic organizations to host concerts, lectures,

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meetings, and fundraising events. In 2016, Town Hall will undertake significant upgrades for continued building restoration including seismic stabilization, historic copper dome restoration, upgrade of restrooms, elevators, air and heating systems, and ADA improvements to better serve attendees with disabilities. Recognizing the significant public benefit this facility provides, the 2016 Proposed Budget includes \$500,000 funding to contribute to the completion of this project.

Seattle Opera House - \$200,000

The City of Seattle has entered into a long-term agreement with Seattle Opera for lease of the Mercer Arena site at Seattle Center. As part of this agreement, the Opera will make improvements to the site in order to meet its operational needs. The 2016 Proposed Budget includes funding to assist the Opera in completing its assessment of development alternatives and to complete initial design. This funding is the first component of an overall proposal to provide direct project funding of \$5 million. A resolution establishing this full commitment has also been submitted with the 2016 Proposed Budget.

Arts and Cultural Affairs Support - \$368,604

This item reflects the increased dedication of 5% of proceeds from the Admission Tax to support the Arts. The Mayor's 2016 Proposed Budget includes legislation that would permanently increase the share of Admissions Tax revenues dedicated to arts and culture from 75% to 80%. For more detail refer to the Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs section in this document.

Data Analytics Platform - (\$2,000,000)

The Department of Justice Settlement reserve was reduced by \$2 million to support the General Fund transfer of \$8 million in 2015 to the Seattle Department of Informational Technology for the development of the Data Analytics Platform. This system will consolidate and manage data provided by a variety of systems related to police calls and incidents, citizen interactions, administrative processes, training, and workforce management. The project satisfies the requirements of the Department of Justice Settlement Agreement.

Police Accountability Reserve - \$2,924,489

Funding is reserved for the Seattle Police Department (SPD) body-worn cameras and other police accountability initiatives. SPD is reviewing the results of a pilot project, engaging with stakeholders and preparing to move forward with full roll-out of body-worn cameras to frontline employees.. SPD has also submitted two grant applications for body-worn cameras. If received, a grant would provide partial financial support for the implementation of the body-worn cameras. The reserve also includes funding for video retention and police accountability initiatives that may arise in 2016.

Police Civilian Community Liaison Services - \$550,000

Funding is reserved for three new positions to serve as civilian community liaisons for the Seattle Police Department (SPD). With these additional positions, SPD will have one crime prevention coordinator per precinct in addition to a supervisor and a community liaison with the Asian-American community. The positions will represent SPD as community liaisons, offering outreach to individuals and community and business groups to provide education, training and problem-solving on crime-related issues. The funding is being held in Finance General while the department evaluates where the positions will best fit within the department's reporting structure.

Food Lifeline - \$250,000

A reserve of \$250,000 provides funding to a Food Lifeline, one of the City's largest food distribution partners, to partially support the development of a new warehouse. This space will allow for more efficient distribution of

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food to organizations, including Seattle's many food banks. The City's financial support will be contingent upon completing an agreement for public benefits.

Proposed Technical Changes

Updated Costs for Recurring Expenses - (\$860,470)

Updated cost projections include non-programmatic changes that represent the latest cost estimates for recurring expenses or different financing plans to fund ongoing services. Adjustments in this category reflect increased funding to the City's Emergency Subfund to maintain target balances, lower debt service costs, higher contribution to the City's Rainy Day Fund; and, increased budget for the Parental Leave Reserve to match the updated projection of expenses.

Program Moves - (\$3,939,427)

Throughout the biennial budget process, adjustments are made to end programs, combine like-programs to consolidate resources, move programs to different departments, or move programs to different Finance General BCLs. For the 2016 Proposed Budget:

- The Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program (LEAD) and the Public Health reserves are moved to the Human Services Department;
- General Fund support to the Office of Housing is transferred to the "Finance General Support to Operating Funds" BCL to better track ongoing General Fund support;
- The Emergency Notification Alert System reserve is moved to the Seattle Information Technology Department; and,
- The resources for the Police Department reserve is consolidated into the Police Accountability Reserve (described separately in the section above).

General Fund Support - \$9,997,531

Technical adjustments made in the "Proposed Phase" update preliminary cost assumptions established in the "Baseline Phase" and provides General Fund resources to support department operations. Refer to department sections for specific program descriptions.

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Expenditure Overview

Appropriations	Summit Code	2014 Actuals	2015 Adopted	2016 Endorsed	2016 Proposed
Appropriation to General Fund Subfunds and Special Funds Budget Control					
Arts Account		5,851,202	5,953,328	6,124,320	6,492,924
Cumulative Reserve Subfund - Capital Projects Account		400,000	0	0	0
Cumulative Reserve Subfund - Revenue Stabilization Account		11,016,058	3,337,000	0	2,223,941
Emergency Subfund		4,623,121	4,450,000	3,600,000	5,148,309
Finance and Administrative Services Fund		24,958,942	26,857,799	26,763,954	28,636,281
General Bond Interest/Redemption Fund		16,334,085	14,625,274	17,581,028	16,460,237
Housing Operating Fund		195,000	314,000	272,000	0
Information Technology Fund		3,008,747	4,464,489	6,498,844	5,253,859
Insurance		4,304,909	5,077,000	5,577,000	5,086,000
Judgment/Claims Subfund		755,901	337,906	620,824	620,824
Total	2QA00	71,447,965	65,416,796	67,037,970	69,922,375
Reserves Budget Control					
Building Code Impact Support		59,856	0	0	0
Burke Museum		0	0	0	500,000
City Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) Reserve		0	300,000	300,000	300,000
Department of Justice Settlement Agreement Public Safety Reserve		1,310,597	4,877,952	4,935,511	2,935,511
Emergency Notification Alert System		75,000	205,000	205,000	0
Fire Station 39 Housing Services		0	475,000	0	0
Food Lifeline		0	0	0	250,000
Get Engaged: City Boards and Commissions		0	34,118	34,937	34,937
Gun Violence Research		38,250	0	0	0
Homeless Families Assistance		450,000	200,000	0	0
Homeless Shelter Development		0	175,000	0	0
Human Services Funding Backfill		300,000	0	0	0
Immigrant and Refugee Leadership Program		17,500	75,000	0	0
Impact Fee Evaluation		0	300,000	0	0
LEAD Program		0	0	830,000	0
License and Tax Portal Reserve		14,061	0	0	0
Mentoring Program		0	100,000	100,000	100,000
Meridian Health Center		0	750,000	0	0

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Minimum Wage for City Employees	0	810,439	1,080,585	1,080,585
Minimum Wage Study	0	100,000	0	0
Municipal Court Information System Planning Reserve	0	150,000	0	0
Neighborhood Business District Capital Projects	242,905	0	0	0
Nordic Heritage Museum	0	0	0	500,000
PacMed Pacific Tower Debt Service Support	0	153,500	307,000	0
Parental Leave Reserve	0	250,000	250,000	500,000
Police Accountability Reserve	0	0	0	2,924,489
Police Civilian Community Liaison Services	0	0	0	550,000
Police Department Reserve	0	2,184,077	2,232,427	0
Public Health Reserve	0	400,000	400,000	0
Recurring Reserve for Portable Art Rental and Maintenance	304,081	298,225	310,154	310,154
Recurring Reserve-Election Expense	1,135,925	900,000	1,600,000	1,600,000
Recurring Reserve-Fire Hydrants	8,142,458	8,219,000	8,655,000	8,655,000
Recurring Reserve-Industrial Insurance Pensions Payout	0	1,783,078	0	0
Recurring Reserve-Office of Professional Accountability Auditor	151,219	164,121	168,060	168,060
Recurring Reserve-Pacific Science Center Lease Reserve	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000
Recurring Reserve-Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	428,161	557,000	640,000	640,000
Recurring Reserve-Shooting Review Board Civilian	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
Recurring Reserve-State Examiner	843,922	830,800	848,416	878,416
Recurring Reserve-Street Lighting	9,686,258	9,240,000	9,290,000	9,290,000
Recurring Reserve-Transit Pass Subsidy	1,988,986	3,000,000	3,400,000	3,400,000
Recurring Reserve-Voter Registration and Pamphlet	1,423,486	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000
Retirement Benefit Study	4,188	0	0	0
SDOT Efficiency Study	400	0	0	0
Seattle Housing Authority History Project	20,000	0	0	0
Seattle Indian Services Commission	44,756	0	0	0
Seattle Indian Services Commission Debt Service Payment	0	440,000	440,000	440,000
Seattle Opera House	0	0	0	200,000
SODO Arena Proposal	6,037	0	0	0
Sound Transit Local Contribution Sales	93,213	0	0	0

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Tax					
Suquamish Project	0	0	0	1,500,000	
Sworn Officers Hiring Reserve	0	0	2,787,745	2,787,745	
Tax Refund Interest Reserve	221,425	500,000	500,000	500,000	
Tenant Improvements	168,043	0	0	0	
Town Hall	0	0	0	500,000	
Transportation Rubble Yard Reserve	3,154,857	0	0	0	
University District Food Bank Building	0	250,000	0	0	
University of Washington Reserve	500,000	0	0	0	
Yesler Terrace Project Support	50,000	0	0	0	
Total	2QD00	30,995,582	39,247,310	40,839,835	42,069,897
Support to Operating Funds Budget Control					
Department of Education Fund	0	12,637,149	12,810,346	6,985,124	
Drainage and Wastewater Fund	1,382,324	1,473,026	1,498,316	1,500,730	
Firefighters Pension Fund	17,155,526	17,311,984	17,475,500	17,163,500	
Housing Operating Fund-Supp to Op Fund	0	0	0	451,623	
Human Services Operating Fund	66,524,652	64,382,790	64,886,461	76,328,710	
Library Fund	47,859,759	49,749,669	50,630,853	50,345,639	
Neighborhood Matching Subfund	3,504,940	1,576,807	3,324,991	3,163,660	
Parks and Recreation Fund	88,900,249	92,852,622	96,498,347	96,589,512	
Planning and Development Fund	10,571,356	10,478,880	10,583,647	6,023,535	
Police Relief and Pension Fund	20,720,409	20,279,340	20,287,210	21,313,000	
Seattle Center Fund	13,216,723	12,805,073	13,050,327	12,948,724	
Solid Waste Fund	0	439,000	167,061	6,335,403	
Transportation Fund	41,132,299	40,576,725	45,167,662	44,288,048	
Total	2QE00	310,968,237	324,563,065	336,380,721	343,437,208
Department Total		413,411,784	429,227,171	444,258,526	455,429,480
Department Full-time Equivalents Total*	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Appropriations By Budget Control Level (BCL) and Program

Appropriation to General Fund Subfunds and Special Funds Budget Control Level

The purpose of the Appropriation to General Fund Subfunds and Special Funds Budget Control Level is to appropriate General Subfund resources, several of which are based upon the performance of certain City revenues, to bond redemption or special purpose funds. These appropriations are implemented as operating transfers to the funds, subfunds, or accounts they support.

Program Expenditures	2014 Actuals	2015 Adopted	2016 Endorsed	2016 Proposed
Arts Account	5,851,202	5,953,328	6,124,320	6,492,924
Cumulative Reserve Subfund - Capital Projects Account	400,000	0	0	0
Cumulative Reserve Subfund - Revenue Stabilization Account	11,016,058	3,337,000	0	2,223,941
Emergency Subfund	4,623,121	4,450,000	3,600,000	5,148,309
Finance and Administrative Services Fund	24,958,942	26,857,799	26,763,954	28,636,281
General Bond Interest/Redemption Fund	16,334,085	14,625,274	17,581,028	16,460,237
Housing Operating Fund	195,000	314,000	272,000	0
Information Technology Fund	3,008,747	4,464,489	6,498,844	5,253,859
Insurance	4,304,909	5,077,000	5,577,000	5,086,000
Judgment/Claims Subfund	755,901	337,906	620,824	620,824
Total	71,447,965	65,416,796	67,037,970	69,922,375

Reserves Budget Control Level

The purpose of the Reserves Budget Control Level is to provide appropriation authority to those programs for which there is no single appropriate managing department, or for which there is Council and/or Mayor desire for additional budget oversight.

	2014	2015	2016	2016
Program Expenditures	Actuals	Adopted	Endorsed	Proposed
Building Code Impact Support	59,856	0	0	0
Burke Museum	0	0	0	500,000
City Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) Reserve	0	300,000	300,000	300,000
Department of Justice Settlement Agreement Public Safety Reserve	1,310,597	4,877,952	4,935,511	2,935,511
Emergency Notification Alert System	75,000	205,000	205,000	0
Fire Station 39 Housing Services	0	475,000	0	0
Food Lifeline	0	0	0	250,000
Get Engaged: City Boards and Commissions	0	34,118	34,937	34,937
Gun Violence Research	38,250	0	0	0
Homeless Families Assistance	450,000	200,000	0	0
Homeless Shelter Development	0	175,000	0	0
Human Services Funding Backfill	300,000	0	0	0
Immigrant and Refugee Leadership Program	17,500	75,000	0	0
Impact Fee Evaluation	0	300,000	0	0
LEAD Program	0	0	830,000	0
License and Tax Portal Reserve	14,061	0	0	0
Mentoring Program	0	100,000	100,000	100,000
Meridian Health Center	0	750,000	0	0
Minimum Wage for City Employees	0	810,439	1,080,585	1,080,585
Minimum Wage Study	0	100,000	0	0
Municipal Court Information System Planning Reserve	0	150,000	0	0
Neighborhood Business District Capital Projects	242,905	0	0	0
Nordic Heritage Museum	0	0	0	500,000
PacMed Pacific Tower Debt Service Support	0	153,500	307,000	0
Parental Leave Reserve	0	250,000	250,000	500,000
Police Accountability Reserve	0	0	0	2,924,489
Police Civilian Community Liaison Services	0	0	0	550,000
Police Department Reserve	0	2,184,077	2,232,427	0

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Public Health Reserve	0	400,000	400,000	0
Recurring Reserve for Portable Art Rental and Maintenance	304,081	298,225	310,154	310,154
Recurring Reserve-Election Expense	1,135,925	900,000	1,600,000	1,600,000
Recurring Reserve-Fire Hydrants	8,142,458	8,219,000	8,655,000	8,655,000
Recurring Reserve-Industrial Insurance Pensions Payout	0	1,783,078	0	0
Recurring Reserve-Office of Professional Accountability Auditor	151,219	164,121	168,060	168,060
Recurring Reserve-Pacific Science Center Lease Reserve	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000
Recurring Reserve-Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	428,161	557,000	640,000	640,000
Recurring Reserve-Shooting Review Board Civilian	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
Recurring Reserve-State Examiner	843,922	830,800	848,416	878,416
Recurring Reserve-Street Lighting	9,686,258	9,240,000	9,290,000	9,290,000
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Recurring Reserve-Voter Registration and Pamphlet	1,423,486	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000
Retirement Benefit Study	4,188	0	0	0
SDOT Efficiency Study	400	0	0	0
Seattle Housing Authority History Project	20,000	0	0	0
Seattle Indian Services Commission	44,756	0	0	0
Seattle Indian Services Commission Debt Service Payment	0	440,000	440,000	440,000
Seattle Opera House	0	0	0	200,000
SODO Arena Proposal	6,037	0	0	0
Sound Transit Local Contribution Sales Tax	93,213	0	0	0
Suquamish Project	0	0	0	1,500,000
Sworn Officers Hiring Reserve	0	0	2,787,745	2,787,745
Tax Refund Interest Reserve	221,425	500,000	500,000	500,000
Tenant Improvements	168,043	0	0	0
Town Hall	0	0	0	500,000
Transportation Rubble Yard Reserve	3,154,857	0	0	0
University District Food Bank Building	0	250,000	0	0
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Yesler Terrace Project Support	50,000	0	0	0
Total	30,995,582	39,247,310	40,839,835	42,069,897

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Support to Operating Funds Budget Control Level

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Program Expenditures	2014	2015	2016	2016
	Actuals	Adopted	Endorsed	Proposed
Department of Education Fund	0	12,637,149	12,810,346	6,985,124
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