



## POULSBO CITY COUNCIL AGENDA SUMMARY

WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEM NO. 8.h

MEETING DATE: October 18, 2023

AGENDA ITEM	BA #23-0403 - Funding for 2023 Senior Specialist Position
EXHIBITS	<a href="#">BA #23-0403 - Senior Specialist</a>
STAFFED BY	Hendrickson
ESTIMATED TIME	5 mins

### SUMMARY STATEMENT

Poulsbo Council approved the use of ARPA funds to employ a Senior Specialist, in 2023, to provide support services for Poulsbo older adults using 911 to address their behavioral health needs. The City received additional funding for this position through a Department of Commerce Fire CARES grant and an Association of Washington Cities Fire CARES grant. Housing Health and Human Services, however, has identified a \$13,000 shortfall funding this position through the end of the year.

H3 is asking City Council this evening to consider using local affordable housing tax funds to cover this expenditure. This use authorized by RCW 82.14.530 (up to 40% of housing tax funds may be used for behavioral health services) and is consistent with the spirit of the law. Providing in home assistance to low income, older adults with behavioral health and co-occurring issues helps keep vulnerable individuals safely in their homes. The Senior Specialist also works with people to find affordable supportive housing alternatives when independent living is no longer sustainable.

WORKSHOP DATE:	October 11, 2023
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### IMPACTS

Expenditure Required? Yes	Included in Budget? No Amount: 13,000
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### SAMPLE MOTION:

Move Budget Amendment 23-0403 to fund 2023 Senior Specialist Position to November 1 Consent Agenda