

**Providing One-time Funding  
To Assist Homeless Families**  
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Through the budget review this year Councilmembers have heard a steady request for additional funding to address a reported surge in need for shelter/housing and services for homeless families in Seattle. Providers are reporting increasing numbers of families seeking such assistance due to the economy and decreased support from other levels of government.

The following are proposed additions to the 2012 budget that would seek to meet some of this need for expanded services for homeless families. These items will be divided into multiple green sheets to carry out the technical budget changes, but form a cohesive package of support meeting a specific reported gap facing homeless parents and children now.

- 1) **\$20,000** in one-time funding for **case management services for participants in the Safe Parking Pilot Program**. The program will assist individuals and families to park securely in local church parking lots and “camp” in the parked vehicles. These city funds will support case management services intended to help program participants move to permanent housing (GS 38-1-A-1).
- 2) **\$40,000** to expand the Emergency Services Program for homeless families will provide **emergency vouchers with case management services** to help an estimated 17 families move off the streets. HSD will look at program structure – including eligibility, referral process etc. for this program to maximize effectiveness and efficiency in serving the City’s homeless families (GS 41-1-A-1).
- 3) **\$100,000** to expand the Rapid Re-Housing Program that will provide **permanent housing and case management services** for at least 14 families (GS 37-1-A-1).
- 4) **\$100,000** to expand the **Shelter and Transitional Housing program** for families that will provide services for an estimated 10 homeless families (GS 36-1-A-1).
- 5) **\$75,000** to support an **Opportunity Fund for religious organizations providing shelter** and other services for homeless individuals and families. This program will provide one-time capital funding will be provided to religious organizations needing to do improvements to their facilities in order to provide shelter and other services (GS 40-1-A-1).

**The goal of this package is to expand capacity along the spectrum of services – from shelter to temporary or permanent housing – to meet a surge in demand.** HSD will endeavor to let outreach workers and other providers know of the availability of these additional resources that can serve unsheltered homeless families or individuals on the streets or in encampments.

The intent is to review actual use of the dollars by the end of the second quarter of 2012 to evaluate whether the demand for family-focused support materialized at the level expected. If not, Council could shift remaining dollars to meet other needs for homeless shelter and housing services in the second half of 2012. If changes are called for they can be carried out via a quarterly supplemental ordinance.

**Total Additional Funding:** \$335,000

**Total Estimated Families Served:** At least 41 families.