

2013 - 2014 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Homeless Youth and Young Adults

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In 2012, the Seattle/King County Youth and Young Adult Task Force along with a group of private philanthropists developed and issued a plan entitled “Priority Action Steps to Prevent and End Youth/Young Adult Homelessness.” Private foundations, including Ballmer Family Giving, Thomas V. Giddens Foundation, Medina Foundation, and Raikes Foundation, in addition to the United Way, have committed \$3 million in new money over the next two years focused on prevention, rapid intervention and systems change. Programs being funded include:

- National Safe Place: a program creating 80-100 “Safe Places” youth can go if they run away or thrown out where they will be quickly connected to resources.
- Project Safe: a youth homeless prevention program where parents can call Youth Care for social work support before a young person runs away or is thrown out.
- Coordinated Entry and Engagement: King County has hired a staff person to work with homeless youth service providers to create a coordinated system of care between agencies.
- Data Sharing: A program to improve technology to enable agencies to share data to better track youth needs.
- Evaluation: An evaluation of Project Safe’s effectiveness in preventing youth services. A SafePlace evaluation is already under way nationally.

The Council requests the foundations involved in funding the pilot programs, United Way, King County, and Youth Care provide a report by September 3, 2013 regarding:

- Evaluation to date regarding effectiveness of Safe Place and Project Safe in preventing youth homelessness

If data indicates Safe Place and/or Project Safe show effectiveness in preventing homelessness the Council could consider the possibility of providing funding for these programs as part of the 2014 budget process.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Housing, Human Services, Health, & Culture

Date Due to Council: September 3, 2013