

2014 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Requesting HSD to conduct a comprehensive senior center planning process and develop a Request for Investment (RFI) for services.

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City GSF support for senior centers has grown steadily since 2006. HSD and the Council are in agreement that additional planning is necessary to clarify and strengthen the goals and outcomes desired by the City in order to most effectively direct limited resources to meet the needs of older adults in Seattle. In 2014, Council expects HSD to carry out a planning effort for senior centers that will ultimately lead to putting the service area out for bid through a Request for Investment (RFI) for new contracts that will start no later than mid-year of 2015. The planning effort should at minimum include the following:

- Needs assessment that identifies specific disparities and challenges in our community as it relates to healthy aging and lifestyle for vulnerable older adults (should include a review of the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Area Plan);
- Delineates specific strategies and evidence-based practices that demonstrate effectiveness at addressing the disparities and challenges identified through the needs assessment and analysis (should include a review of the evidence-based practices identified by the National Council on Aging);
- Identifies how the strategies and practices could be most effectively implemented as services provided by senior center facilities;
- Develops performance metrics related to the services delivered in order to measure effectiveness;
- Formulates an RFI funding process that aligns with the goals and strategies identified to achieve the desired results and outcomes;

- Considers and recognizes the importance of geographic equity and the “hub concept” in the existing senior centers service delivery model;
- Identifies opportunities to integrate and leverage existing healthy aging and lifestyle programming by other service providers with the senior center model;
- Considers the issues involving the City’s Mutual and Offsetting Benefit Lease Policy as it relates to existing senior centers located in City owned facilities and the implications on the cost of service delivery at these centers; and
- Culminates in performance-based contracts with senior center service providers that clearly delineate the outcomes the City desires and include a mechanism to track and monitor performance on an ongoing basis tied to best practices and evidence-based programming.

This planning effort should include a meaningful dialogue with existing senior center service providers as well as the Advisory Council for the Area Agency on Aging and other community stakeholders as necessary. The Council expects a written progress report by HSD no later than September 1, 2014.

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

Date Due to Council: September 1, 2014