

2014 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Impose two budget provisos on \$125,000 GSF for HSD's Domestic Violence Response Center

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Councilmembers: Budget Committee

Staff Analyst: Patricia Lee

Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	SB	BH	TR	RC	TB	NL	JG	SC	MO
	Yes										
	No										
	Abstain										
	Absent										

Budget Action description:

\$125,000 GSF is included in the Human Services Department (HSD)'s 2014 Proposed Budget for a Domestic Violence Response Center (DVRC). \$50,000 funds the strategic planning process and \$75,000 funds the DVRC's 4th quarter 2014 operational costs.

This green sheet would impose the following two budget provisos:

“No more than \$50,000 appropriated in the 2014 budget for the Human Services Department Community Support and Assistance BCL may be spent on strategic planning for the Domestic Violence Response Center.”

“None of the money appropriated in the 2014 budget for the Human Services Department Community Support and Assistance BCL may be spent for 2014 Domestic Violence Response Center operations until authorized by future ordinance. Council anticipates that such authority will not be granted until HSD provides Council with information on the selected site, capital costs for the site, short and long term operating costs, a long term funding plan that details the funding commitment by other funders, and the programs and services that will be offered at the Center.”

Background:

There are over 80 operating DVRCs throughout the country. DVRC structures, programs and funding models vary but at its core a DVRC provides multidisciplinary co-location and coordination of services, particularly criminal justice and social services, at one site.

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The Glen Price Group conducted a DVRC feasibility study for the City and issued its report in September 2013. The next step is a strategic planning process, which has begun with participation by HSD, the Seattle Police Department (SPD), the City Attorney’s office, the King County Prosecuting Attorney’s office, the King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and the Seattle Police Foundation.

A DVRC site has not been identified yet. Also, the feasibility study noted that a DVRC should have a long term sustainable funding plan and the Seattle Police Foundation is chairing a subcommittee on fund development. However, given that the Strategic Planning for the DVRC has just begun, the specific costs of a proposed DVRC, the mix of services it will provide, an allocation of operating costs or long term funding commitments by other entities cannot be established at this time. The requested \$75,000 for 4th quarter 2014 operational costs was taken from a range of estimates provided in the feasibility study. The purpose of the budget provisos is for the City Council to have the information necessary to inform their decision on whether to commit operating funds to the DVRC.