

2014 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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**Budget Action Title:** Add \$15,000 GSF to HSD for paralegal for immigrant domestic violence survivors

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: No

Councilmembers: Clark; Conlin; Licata

Staff Analyst: Elaine Ko; Patricia Lee

Council Bill or Resolution:

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

**Summary of Dollar Effect**

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2013 Increase (Decrease)	2014 Increase (Decrease)
<b>General Subfund</b>		
<b>General Subfund Revenues</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>General Subfund Expenditures</b>	\$0	\$15,000
<b>Net Balance Effect</b>	\$0	(\$15,000)
<b>Other Funds</b>		
<b>Human Services Operating Fund (16200)</b>		
<b>Revenues</b>	\$0	\$15,000
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$0	\$15,000
<b>Net Balance Effect</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Budget Balance Effect</b>	\$0	(\$15,000)

**Budget Action description:**

This green sheet would add \$15,000 GSF to the Human Services Department (HSD) to fund an increase in the contracted services of a paralegal for immigrant domestic violence survivors.

Immigrant survivors of domestic violence are often hesitant to seek legal help because they fear their immigration status is dependent on their abusive partner. This makes them and their children particularly vulnerable to remaining in unsafe conditions. Domestic violence survivors who lack

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immigration status can apply for “U visas” that provide protection from deportation and remove barriers to self-sufficiency. However, most individuals need help accessing this legal protection.

Since 2010 the City has provided funding for a paralegal to provide legal information, referral and support to immigrant domestic violence survivors and assistance to immigration attorneys. This funding increased from \$95,502 in 2010 to \$150,381 in the proposed 2014 budget due to the addition of \$45,000 by Council in 2013.

The base funding of \$95,502 supported intake services for 98 survivors and direct representation of 59 survivors. As of September 2013, 40% of the additional \$45,000 added in 2013 was expended, and HSD anticipates the full amount will be expended by the end of the year. HSD will not know how many new clients were served until the end of the year.

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**Budget Action Transactions**

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#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BCL or Revenue Source	Summit Code	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Increase GSF support for paralegal for immigrant DV survivors				FG	Human Services Operating Fund	Q5971620	00100	2014		\$15,000
2	Increase GSF support for immigrant DV survivors				HSD	General Subfund Support	587001	16200	2014	\$15,000	
3	Increase appropriation for paralegal for immigrant DV survivors				HSD	Community Support and Self Sufficiency	H90CS	16200	2014		\$15,000