

2014 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Add \$580,000 in GSF funding to provide emergency housing/shelter and long term housing to Homeless Families and Young Adults (ages 18-25) as part of a collaborative and streamlined regional effort

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Councilmembers: Burgess; Clark; Godden; Rasmussen

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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)
General Subfund		
General Subfund Revenues	\$0	\$0
General Subfund Expenditures	\$0	\$580,000
Net Balance Effect	\$0	(\$580,000)
Other Funds		
Human Services Operating Fund (16200)		
Revenues	\$0	\$130,000
Expenditures	\$0	\$130,000
Net Balance Effect	\$0	\$0
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$0	(\$580,000)

Budget Action description:

This green sheet provides a total of \$580,000 in GSF support to provide emergency housing/shelter and long-term housing to Homeless Families and Homeless Young Adults (ages 18 – 25) , as described below.

Assisting Homeless Families

This green sheet provides \$450,000 in Finance General to assist homeless families, especially women and children, living on the streets, in cars, in encampments, and/or fleeing domestic violence, as part

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of a region-wide, collaborative effort. This would include streamlining the intake and referral process to more quickly move homeless families into housing. Funding would be released for expenditure by the Human Services Department (HSD) upon receipt of a proposal(s) to implement a regional program to assist homeless families. This proposal is expected by January 31, 2014. The Council anticipates that the City’s funding would assist over 100 homeless families and would leverage funding provided by our regional partners. Ideally, funding would be used for best practices such as: Housing First, Rapid Rehousing, the Late Night Voucher Program, the Landlord Liaison Program, and/or emergency housing/shelter with wrap around services. The Council expects that HSD will develop the funding program collaboratively with regional partners, including King County, nearby cities, and other private and public agencies, as part of the region’s Family Homelessness Initiative. The program should include a process or methodology for how to calculate the city’s “fair share,” and HSD should consider requiring additional justification from providers for the amount of funds they seek from the City versus the amounts sought from other regional partners and funders.

This green sheet adopts the following proviso:

“None of the money appropriated in the 2014 budget for the Finance General Reserve BCL may be spent for funding for a regional response to assist homeless families until the Chair of the Council’s Housing, Human Services, Health and Culture Committee (or successor committee) files with the City Clerk his or her certification that the Human Services Department has provided a report that describes a program to assist homeless families that has been developed in cooperation with Seattle’s regional partners.

Background On Homeless Families

The City currently invests more than \$2.2 million annually to move homeless families off the streets and into housing.

There are approximately 250 families in King County who are living on the streets, in cars, in encampments or abandoned buildings according to the Family Homeless Connection (FHC). Of the 250 families, only 37% (90) of the families indicate the City of Seattle as their most recent address. The remainder are from outside the City.

FHC is the regional coordinated assessment and referral system for families in need of housing. FHC reduces the burden on families experiencing homelessness in King County by providing a single access point for emergency housing and transitional and permanent housing resources.

Given the large number of families from outside the City who are receiving or seeking assistance from the City and the current efforts underway as part of the Family Homelessness Initiative, proposals to meet the immediate needs of homeless families should be jointly developed and funded by our regional partners as part of the continuum of services for homeless families.

Assisting Homeless Young Adults (ages 18-25)

This green sheet also provides \$130,000 in GSF to HSD to retain 20 existing shelter beds for young adult (ages 18-24). A total of \$250,000 is needed to fully fund the continuation of these beds. A funding request has been made to King County. It is the City Council’s expectation that King County will provide funding to match the City’s contribution. Funding outcomes should focus on connecting young adults with services that move them quickly out of shelter and to permanent housing or being safely reunited with family or other caring adults.

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In addition, this green sheet imposes the following proviso:

“None of the \$130,000 appropriated in the 2014 budget for the Human Service Department’s Youth and Family Empowerment BCL may be spent until the Chair of the Council’s Housing, Human Services, Health and Culture Committee (or successor committee) files with the City Clerk his or her certification that HSD has provided a report that confirms that public or private funds matching the City’s contribution for these shelter beds has been secured. “

Background on Homeless Youth

Currently there are 60 beds available nightly in Seattle and 15 beds available in the rest of King County for homeless young adults ages 18-24. In the January 2013 county-wide effort to quantify homeless youth and young adults, there were 776 individuals who were homeless or unstably housed. Of this number 99 young adults were categorized as homeless.

The City currently provides \$177,482 for shelter services for young adults. At the end of 2013, foundation funding supporting 20 shelter beds in the City will end. In 2012, these beds provided safe, temporary shelter for 268 young adults. In addition, these beds were at 98% occupancy for the year.

Alternative sources of funding are being sought but without adequate backfill these beds will not be available in 2014, resulting in a 33% reduction in beds for young adults.

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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	Add funding to Finance General Reserve Line Entitled "Funding for Regional Response to Assist Homeless Families"				FG	Reserves	2QD00	00100	2014		\$450,000
2	Add GSF support for young adult shelter beds.				FG	Human Services Operating Fund	Q5971620	00100	2014		\$130,000
3	Add appropriation for young adult shelter beds.				HSD	Youth and Family Empowerment	H20YF	16200	2014		\$130,000
4	Add Revenue from GSF for young adult shelter beds.				HSD	General Subfund Support	587001	16200	2014	\$130,000	