

2015 - 2016 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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**Budget Action Title:** Add \$350,000 of GSF in 2015 and 2016 to the Human Services Department to support flexible and mobile advocates for survivors of domestic and sexual violence

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Councilmembers: Clark; Godden; Harrell

Staff Analyst: Mark Baird

Council Bill or Resolution:

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

**Summary of Dollar Effect**

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2015 Increase (Decrease)	2016 Increase (Decrease)
<b>General Subfund</b>		
<i>General Subfund Revenues</i>	\$0	\$0
<i>General Subfund Expenditures</i>	<u>\$350,000</u>	<u>\$350,000</u>
<i>Net Balance Effect</i>	<b>(\$350,000)</b>	<b>(\$350,000)</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>		
<i>Human Services Operating Fund (16200)</i>		
<i>Revenues</i>	\$350,000	\$350,000
<i>Expenditures</i>	<u>\$350,000</u>	<u>\$350,000</u>
<i>Net Balance Effect</i>	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Budget Balance Effect</b>	<b>(\$350,000)</b>	<b>(\$350,000)</b>

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***Budget Action description:***

This green sheet adds \$350,000 of GSF in 2015 and 2016 to the Human Services Department (HSD) for increased investment in flexible and mobile advocates for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. This green sheet also imposes the following budget proviso:

“Of the appropriation in the 2015 budget for the Human Services Department’s Public Health Services BCL, \$350,000 is appropriated (and of the amount endorsed for 2016, \$350,000 is expected to be appropriated) solely for flexible and mobile advocates for survivors of domestic and sexual violence and may be spent for no other purpose.”

In 2014 HSD will invest approximately \$1.3 Million in domestic violence and sexual assault advocacy services. At least four of the funded entities currently provide mobile advocacy as a victim/survivor-centered approach helping nearly 675 victims. Mobile advocacy involves having an advocate go to the victim rather than having the victim come to a location for advocacy services. This includes the ability for advocates to accompany clients to appointments and services as part of the advocacy. However, the demand for such services greatly exceeds the available advocacy resources. The King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence believes that to significantly move the needle on serving these victims there is a need to provide advocacy services to more than 5,500 individuals in Seattle. There is particularly a great need for mobile advocates to serve the immigrant and marginalized communities in Seattle. DV and sexual assault victims from these groups are hesitant to go to a location to seek help. At the same time, these are often the people who need advocates to go with them to obtain other services, gain legal assistance, and to go to court.

Each \$100,000 provides funding for one advocate and resources to serve a caseload of approximately 50 victims. The implementation of the Seattle Domestic Violence Response Center (DVRC) may generate an increase in DV referral to community-based agencies. Many of these agencies have elected not to participate in this co-located DVRC model due to a lack of advocacy resources. An increase in the funding for community-based flexible and mobile advocacy services would begin to make inroads into the gap between the need for DV and sexual assault advocacy and the supply of available resources to provide it.

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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	Adding GSF support for HSOF				FG	Human Services Operating Fund	Q5971620	00100	2015		\$350,000
2	Increase revenue to reflect GSF support				HSD	General Subfund Support	587001	16200	2015	\$350,000	
3	Adding funding to HSF for mobile advocacy				HSD	Public Health Services	H70PH	16200	2015		\$350,000
4	Adding GSF support for HSOF				FG	Human Services Operating Fund	Q5971620	00100	2016		\$350,000
5	Increase revenue to reflect GSF support				HSD	General Subfund Support	587001	16200	2016	\$350,000	
6	Adding funding to HSF for mobile advocacy				HSD	Public Health Services	H70PH	16200	2016		\$350,000