

**2011 - 2012 Seattle City Council Green Sheet**

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**Budget Action Title:** Add \$148,650 GSF to HSD in 2011 and 2012 for subsidies for batterers' intervention programs and impose a proviso

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**Council Bill or Resolution:**

**Budget Committee Vote:**

Date	Result	SB	BH	SC	TR	JG	NL	RC	TB	MO
11/12/2010	Pass 9-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

**Summary of Dollar Effect**

*See the following pages for detailed technical information*

	<b>2011 Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>2012 Increase (Decrease)</b>
<b>General Subfund</b>		
<i>General Subfund Revenues</i>	\$0	\$0
<i>General Subfund Expenditures</i>	\$148,650	\$148,650
<i>Net Balance Effect</i>	(\$148,650)	(\$148,650)
<b>Other Funds</b>		
<i>Human Services Operating Fund</i>		
<i>Revenues</i>	\$148,650	\$148,650
<i>Expenditures</i>	\$148,650	\$148,650
<i>Net Balance Effect</i>	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Other Funds</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Budget Balance Effect</b>	(\$148,650)	(\$148,650)

**Budget Action description:**

This green sheet would add \$148,650 GSF in 2011 and 2012 to the Human Services Department (HSD) to provide subsidies to low-income batterers who are mandated to attend batterers' intervention programs. This action would restore funding to 2009 and 2010 levels for three community agencies previously funded by HSD that the Mayor's 2011-2012 Proposed Budget eliminates. This green sheet would also impose the following budget proviso:

"Of the appropriation in the 2011 budget for the Department of Human Services Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention BCL, \$148,650 is appropriated (and of the amount endorsed for 2012, \$148,650 is expected to be appropriated) solely for the Batterers' Intervention Program and may be spent for no other purpose."

\* Has Proviso

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For the past several years, the City of Seattle has funded batterers' intervention services for domestic violence offenders whose incomes are at or below 30% of the area median (AMI). This funding allows contracted batterers' intervention programs to waive intake charges and offer reduced fees to low-income batterers. City funding for batterers' intervention programs has been allocated as follows over the past three years:

**General Subfund Support for Batterer Intervention Services, 2008-2010**

Service Provider	2008	2009	2010
Asian Counseling and Referral Service	\$52,731	\$54,050	\$54,050
NAVOS	\$40,443	\$41,454	\$41,454
Wellspring Family Services	\$51,850	\$53,146	\$53,146
Consejo Counseling and Referral Services <sup>1</sup>	\$16,229	\$0	\$0
<b>Total City Funding</b>	<b>\$161,253</b>	<b>\$148,650</b>	<b>\$148,650</b>

<sup>1</sup>program discontinued in late 2008

These batterers' intervention programs provide 12 months of treatment. To complete one of the programs, participants are required to attend at least 26 weekly group treatment sessions, which are followed by six obligatory monthly sessions. For enrollees earning no more than 30% of AMI, the service providers offer reduced program fees ranging from \$700 to \$1,300. The City's investment further subsidizes the fees they charge to low-income batterers that are Seattle residents. Of the individuals enrolled in the batterer's intervention programs, more than 50% are people of color.

In 2006 the Seattle Municipal Court published the "Batterers' Intervention Program Study" which was funded by the court and the Seattle Human Services Department (HSD) to implement the City's Domestic Violence Strategic Plan. The study showed that batterers who never went to batterers' intervention programs had a recidivism rate of 30.5% compared to only 6.0% of batterers who completed treatment. Batterers who began treatment but did not complete it also had lower rates of recidivism (16.6%) than those who never received any intervention treatment.

The Seattle Human Services Department (HSD) contracts with the three agencies listed in the chart above for outcomes. Incentives in the contract encourage agencies to exceed contract goals. HSD considers the three agencies with which it contracts to have the best programs of those offered in King County for achieving successful outcomes for low-income Seattle residents. Following are the numbers of clients served and outcomes for 2008 through 2010.

# of batterers receiving City subsidy	117	150	120 <sup>3</sup>
# of batterers who demonstrate ability to interact in non-abusive way <sup>1,2</sup>	52	63	54 <sup>3</sup>
# of batterers completing program <sup>1,2</sup>	23	27	25 <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Counts are duplicated

<sup>2</sup> These are performance commitments; HSD sets a contract goal for how many offenders must achieve this outcome

<sup>3</sup> 2010 figures are contracted goals; 2008 and 2009 are actual

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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 to HSD for Batterers' Intervention Program				FG	Human Services Operating Fund	Q5971620	00100	2011		\$148,650
2	Increase revenue from GSF for Batterers' Intervention Program				HSD	General Subfund Support	587001	16200	2011	\$148,650	
3	Increase appropriation for Batterers' Intervention Program				HSD	Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention	H40DV	16200	2011		\$148,650
4	Increase GSF support to HSD for Batterers' Intervention Program				FG	Human Services Operating Fund	Q5971620	00100	2012		\$148,650
5	Increase revenue from GSF for Batterers' Intervention Program				HSD	General Subfund Support	587001	16200	2012	\$148,650	
6	Increase appropriation for Batterers' Intervention Program				HSD	Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention	H40DV	16200	2012		\$148,650