

2011 - 2012 Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: HSD New Citizen Initiative

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The State Department of Social and Health Services' Economic Services Administration notified the Human Services Department that all state citizenship funds will be eliminated effective December 1, 2010. This represents a loss of \$1,136,000 for the Human Services Department's New Citizen Initiative. It is the Council's understanding that the Initiative will now have \$547,000 (combination from General Fund and Seattle Housing Authority) to operate the Initiative. The Council is supportive of the outcomes of this Initiative, but it requests that the Human Services Department provide an evaluation of the Initiative and propose recommendations to mitigate the impacts of these cuts. The report, due by June 20, 2011, shall include:

1. Background and Metrics: The report shall include significant background for the Initiative including intended results, actual results and a detailed description of what results the Human Services Department anticipates losing due to this cut. The report shall identify the actions being taken by local community groups to mitigate the losses. The report will also provide metrics on the results of the program from 2000 (when the City began funding the Initiative) to date, and project metrics as a result of the proposed cuts from the State.
2. Evaluation: The report will evaluate the program as it is currently operated and identify cost saving efficiencies. It should identify best practices around the country, provide Council with an understanding of what the funding is used for and the prioritization of outcomes expected under this Initiative.
3. Alternative Funding Sources and Models: The report should identify alternative funding sources to support the Initiative in a sustainable manner. This would include alternative models for the program.
4. Outcomes: The report will indicate what outcomes this particular cut will have on the residents of Seattle and identify any unwanted impacts in particular communities in recognition of the City's Race and Social Justice Initiative.

It is anticipated that the report will be a basis for a test period during which new practices will be applied and results monitored. Results may be used to reallocate resources toward the most effective practices during the Council's 2012 budget approval process.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Housing, Human Services, Health, & Culture

Date Due to Council: June 20, 2011