2013 - 2014 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Impose proviso on $135,000 in 2013 funding for HSD for outreach and engagement and case management services for families

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Council Bill or Resolution:

Budget Committee Vote:

Date	Result	SB	BH	TR	RC	TB	NL	JG	SC	MO
11/09/2012	**Pass 9-**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**

Budget Action description:

This Green Sheet would impose a budget proviso on new funding provided to Human Services Department (HSD) for outreach, engagement and case management services for families in 2013. The Mayor's proposed 2013 – 2014 budget includes $135,000 in 2013 and $138,105 in 2014 to fund outreach, engagement and case management services for families. It is unclear to what extent such additional services are needed for families. Health Care for the Homeless operated out of Public Health Seattle & King County is currently implementing the KidsPlus Program that will deploy social workers and a public health nurse to assist families living on the streets, and in encampments and shelters. These staff are being deployed in the City and County to meet the needs of homeless children who have physical and mental health problems and their families. These families will be provided with screening, assessment and referral to appropriate services, including nursing care, behavioral health services, and housing. Comprehensive case management services will be provided to families wherever they live – shelter, transitional housing, or permanent housing. KidsPlus is supported by Federal McKinney funds.

In addition, the Mayor is proposing to add $133,000 in 2013 and $136,059 in 2014 for outreach and engagement and case management services to implement the Center City Initiative. A separate budget proviso asks for further clarity about the specific populations to be served by those services in light of the numerous agencies that now provide outreach and engagement services to individuals in the City.

In light of these multiple requests to fund outreach, engagement and case management services, the Council requests the Human Services Department to develop and submit a Comprehensive Outreach and Engagement Strategy. This strategy shall:

a. Outline the outreach, engagement, and case management efforts that currently exist for different homeless populations in the City and identify gaps for such services for specific populations;
b. Provide an estimate of the number of those, by specific population group, that would

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be targeted for new outreach, engagement, and case management services;

c. Explain how the City's efforts would coordinate with existing outreach and engagement efforts, including those provided by REACH, HOST, MIST, Health Care for the Homeless, and the Metropolitan Improvement District;
d. Identify the extent to which social service gaps exist for specific populations targeted for outreach and engagement efforts;
e. Describe the extent to which flexible funding for social services might be needed to implement the proposed Comprehensive Outreach and Engagement Strategy;
f. Provide the specific goals and outcomes to be accomplished by the proposed Comprehensive Outreach and Engagement Strategy, consistent with Resolution 31404; and
g. Based on the specific goals and outcomes in item f, recommend whether further funding for outreach and engagement efforts and case management services is warranted; and the extent to which funding should be provided to meet service needs of those receiving outreach, engagement and case management services.

This Green Sheet imposes the following proviso:
"Of the appropriation in the 2013 budget for the Human Services Department (HSD) Transitional Living and Support BCL, $135,000 is appropriated solely for outreach, engagement or case management services for families and may be spent for no other purpose. Furthermore, none of the $135,000 so appropriated may be spent until authorized by future ordinance. The Council anticipates that such authority will not be granted until HSD provides the Council with a Comprehensive Outreach and Engagement Strategy that meets the requirements of Budget Action 103-1-A-2, and this Strategy is approved by the Housing, Human Services and Health Committee. HSD is requested to submit the Comprehensive Outreach and Engagement Strategy to the Council's Housing, Human Services, and Health Committee by April 30th, 2013."