

2013 - 2014 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Impose proviso on \$19,174 in 2013 and \$20,694 in 2014 of GSF for DPR to implement structured programming at Miller and Yesler Community Centers.

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Council Bill or Resolution:

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	Yes										
	No										
	Abstain										
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Budget Action description:

This Green Sheet would modify the Mayor’s Proposed Budget to set aside GSF funds (\$19,174 in 2013 and \$20,694 in 2014) to implement structured programming for teens at Miller and Yesler Community Centers. These funds could not be spent until Council reviews the proposed programs. DPR should report to City Council by March 15, 2013, describing the teen structured programming proposed at Miller and Yesler Community Centers.

This Green Sheet would impose the following budget proviso:

“Of the appropriation in the 2013 budget for the Department of Parks and Recreation’s (DPR’s) Recreation Facilities and Programs BCL, \$19,174 is appropriated (and of the amount endorsed for 2014, \$20,694 is expected to be appropriated) solely for structured programming for teens at Miller and Yesler Community Centers and may be spent for no other purpose. Furthermore, none of the money so appropriated in 2013 may be spent until authorized by future ordinance. The Council anticipates that such authority will not be granted until DPR reports to the Council’s Parks and Neighborhoods Committee describing the teen structured programming proposed to be implemented at Miller and Yesler Community Centers.”

The Mayor’s 2013-2014 proposed budget includes \$276,091 in 2013 and \$284,555 in 2014 to increase the public hours or drop-in hours at seven community centers that are currently classified as either 2a or 2b centers. The rationale for adding hours at these particular centers is the desire to provide youth with “safe outlets outside of school hours with the goal of enhancing public safety.”

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The Mayor’s proposed additional hours would not provide organized, youth programming. Instead, it would fund adult supervision at these facilities with a drop-in format for gymnasium use, computer labs, and other activities, or as the Executive states “a place to hang out”. Though the proposal mentions creating safe places for youth, the centers would be open not only to youth but the community as a whole.

Council is proposing to modify the Mayor’s Proposed Budget to use most of the new funding for additional hours at Delridge, South Park and Van Asselt (see Green Sheet 107-1-A-1). These three community centers already operate Late Night Recreation (LNR) programs on one night of the weekend but not both; this would expand the LNR to two nights a week. LNR is targeted for teens, ages 13 to 19 years old. The cost to implement LNR at these three community centers is \$256,917 in 2013 and \$263,861 in 2014. This Green Sheet serves as a companion piece and provides the remaining funding for structured programming.