

2013 - 2014 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Council review of service needs to be addressed in a 2013 RFI for the Outdoor Meal Site and all other food programs funded by the HSD Transitional Living and Support Division

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

The Council requests that the Human Services Department (HSD) Transitional Living and Support Division submit to the appropriate Council Committee an outline of the service needs and performance expectations that will be the basis of a 2013 Request for Investment (RFI) for the Outdoor Meal Site and other food programs. The Council intends that Committee will review the outline to ensure the Meal Program Transition Task Force’s Outdoor Meal Site recommendations are implemented, leveraging of City funds with non-City resources is encouraged, and at least as many meals are provided under new contracts as were provided in 2012.

Background

In February 2012 the City of Seattle Meal Program Transition Task Force consisting of Seattle HSD leadership, meal providers and community members was convened to determine the need for continued use of the City’s Outdoor Meal Site, the feasibility of an indoor/outdoor centralized kitchen, alternatives to meal service in City parks and ways to expand meal services outside of Seattle’s downtown corridor.

The Task Force recommended that the City-funded Outdoor Meal Site currently managed by Operation Sack Lunch at 6th and Columbia remain intact until another site is identified and operational. The Outdoor Meal Site is projected to serve 159,000 meals in 2012. The City pays about \$37,000 to provide approximately 8,400 of those meals, with the rest supplied at no cost to the City by about 40 providers.

The contracting process for continued operation of the Outdoor Meal Site and other HSD food programs will begin with a 2013 HSD RFI. Before the RFI is finalized, the Council wants to ensure that it implements the Task Force’s Outdoor Meal Site recommendations, encourages leveraging of City

funds with non-City resources, and provides that at least as many meals are distributed through the Outdoor Meal Site and other HSD food programs under new contracts as were provided in 2012.

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

Date Due to Council: March 31, 2013