

2013 - 2014 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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**Budget Action Title:** Add \$120,000 GSF in 2013 and \$122,760 GSF in 2014 for Human Services Department for advocacy and support for traumatized children at domestic violence agencies

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**Council Bill or Resolution:**

Date		Total	SB	BH	TR	RC	TB	NL	JG	SC	MO
	Yes										
	No										
	Abstain										
	Absent										

**Summary of Dollar Effect**

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2013 Increase (Decrease)	2014 Increase (Decrease)
<b>General Subfund</b>		
<i>General Subfund Revenues</i>	\$0	\$0
<i>General Subfund Expenditures</i>	\$120,000	\$122,760
<i>Net Balance Effect</i>	(\$120,000)	(\$122,760)
<b>Other Funds</b>		
<i>Human Services Operating Fund (16200)</i>		
<i>Revenues</i>	\$120,000	\$122,760
<i>Expenditures</i>	\$120,000	\$122,760
<i>Net Balance Effect</i>	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Budget Balance Effect</b>	<b>(\$120,000)</b>	<b>(\$122,760)</b>

**Budget Action description:**

This action adds \$120,000 in 2013 and \$120,000 in 2014 of new funding to the Human Services Department (HSD) from the GSF for services for children residing in domestic violence (DV) emergency and transitional housing programs. This funding would be allocated to existing HSD contracts and would pay for the equivalent of two FTE children’s advocates to provide crisis intervention, support and therapeutic activities for children residing in DV emergency and transitional housing programs, and parenting support and advocacy for their mothers. If approved,

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HSD will amend 2013 contracts for DV emergency and transitional housing programs to include this as a supplemental service and issue a Request for Investment for this service in 2013 for 2014.

According to community advocates, there is a growing need for increased levels of services for children at agencies providing emergency and transitional housing to DV survivors, due to funding reductions and increasing numbers of children needing assistance. At least two agencies have had to reduce children's advocate positions, and at least one has had to cut its housing capacity in order to ensure safe, adequate staffing levels for children.

This funding will result in decreased trauma, increased coping skills and improved emotional well being for 120 children and improved parenting and safety planning skills for 56 adult DV survivors. In addition to greatly enhancing the level and quality of services provided to housing residents, it would allow at least one agency to increase its housing capacity by 10 families.

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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 advocacy for children at DV agencies				FG	Human Services Operating Fund	Q5971620	00100	2013		\$120,000
2	Add revenue from GSF for advocacy services for children at DV agencies				HSD	General Subfund Support	587001	16200	2013	\$120,000	
3	Increase appropriation for advocacy services for children at DV agencies				HSD	Community Support and Self Sufficiency	H90CS	16200	2013		\$120,000
4	Increase GSF support to HSD for advocacy services for children at DV agencies				FG	Human Services Operating Fund	Q5971620	00100	2014		\$122,760
5	Add revenue from GSF for advocacy services for children at DV agencies				HSD	General Subfund Support	587001	16200	2014	\$122,760	
6	Increase appropriation for advocacy services for children at DV agencies				HSD	Community Support and Self Sufficiency	H90CS	16200	2014		\$122,760