

CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL 117798

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4 AN ORDINANCE related to the 2013 budget appropriation for the Human Services Department
5 (HSD) Transitional Living and Support BCL; lifting a budget proviso to allow spending
6 for outreach, engagement and case management services for families; and amending
7 Ordinance 124058, which adopted the 2013 budget.

8 WHEREAS, the 2013 One Night Count cited at least 1,900 unsheltered individuals on the street
9 of Seattle; and

10 WHEREAS, the Human Services Department's recent outreach efforts with homeless families
11 and single adults at homeless encampments, with car campers and in the downtown core
12 have highlighted the need for more concentrated and intensive outreach efforts to move
13 people forward on a path to housing; and

14 WHEREAS, more than 3,788 families have been screened for housing assistance through Family
15 Housing Connection (FHC) since April of 2012, and of these families screened, 215
16 reported being literally homeless in a place not meant for human habitation; and

17 WHEREAS, with increased capacity, more families who are literally homeless will gain access
18 to critical support while awaiting a housing placement, and increased data on the needs
19 and outcomes of such families will inform future policy and funding decisions; and

20 WHEREAS, homeless families are in need of both increased outreach and engagement efforts
21 and coordination and from an increase in rapid response services, such as immediate
22 housing assistance and identification cards; and

23 WHEREAS, the City Council placed a proviso on \$135,000 in the 2013 Adopted Budget for
24 outreach, engagement and case management services to families until authorized by
25 future ordinance and following City Council review of a Comprehensive Outreach and
26 Engagement Strategy for the use of the funds from the Human Services Department's
27 Transitional Living and Support Budget Control Level; and

28 WHEREAS, the Executive has presented to the Council a detailed response to Green Sheet
#103-1-A-2 described in the proviso imposed by Ordinance 124058 regarding a
Comprehensive Outreach and Engagement Strategy and use of the funds for increased
services and case management support, and, through this response and legislation, has
satisfied the terms of the budget proviso; NOW, THEREFORE,



BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The restrictions imposed by the following budget proviso are removed and they are no longer restrictions for any purpose of Ordinance 124058.

Department	2013 Green Sheet	Proviso	Budget Control Level
Human Services Department	#103-1-A-2	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.	Transitional Living and Support (H30ET)

Section 2. Any act pursuant to the authority of this ordinance taken after the passage of this ordinance is ratified and confirmed. If any provision of this ordinance is determined to be invalid or unenforceable the remainder shall nonetheless remain in full force and effort.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.



Jeanette Blankenship
HSD Lift Proviso on Outreach Services for Families ORD
May 15, 2013
Version #3

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Passed by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2013, and
signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this
____ day of _____, 2013.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this ____ day of _____, 2013.

Michael McGinn, Mayor

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2013.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

Department:	Contact Person/Phone:	CBO Analyst/Phone:
Human Services Department	Sola Plumacher/733-9404	Jeanette Blankenship/615-0087

Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE related to the 2013 budget appropriation for the Human Services Department (HSD) Transitional Living and Support BCL; lifting a budget proviso to allow spending for outreach, engagement and case management services for families; and amending Ordinance 124058, which adopted the 2013 budget.

Summary of the Legislation:

This legislation lifts a budget proviso and authorizes the expenditure of \$135,000 from Human Services Department's Transitional Living and Support Budget Control Level in the 2013 Adopted Budget. This funding will be used for services to increase support and case management access for families. The legislation includes an attachment to the Fiscal Note with a Comprehensive Outreach and Engagement Strategy, as requested in the budget proviso.

Background:

The 2013-2014 Proposed Budget included \$135,000 to increase outreach, engagement and case management services for families. In adopting Green Sheet 103-1-A-2 in the 2013 Adopted Budget, the Council placed a proviso on the \$135,000 in funding for the Human Services Department with the intent that, prior to releasing the funding, the Executive submit to Council a Comprehensive Outreach and Engagement Strategy. The Strategy is included as an Attachment to this Fiscal Note.

X This legislation has financial implications.

Note: The 2013 Adopted Budget includes the funds that were held by proviso. No additional appropriations are required.

Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from this Legislation: N/A

Revenue/Reimbursement Notes:

Total Regular Positions Created, Modified, or Abrogated through this Legislation, Including FTE Impact:

N/A

Spending/Cash Flow:

N/A

Other Implications:

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?**
The legislation will improve responsiveness to get families off the streets, potentially resulting in long-term savings.
- b) **What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?**
Indirect costs related with family homelessness.
- c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
No.
- d) **What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?**
None with existing resources, or fewer people would be served.
- e) **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**
No.
- f) **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**
No.
- g) **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**
No.
- h) **Other Issues:**

List attachments to the fiscal note below:



City of Seattle
Office of the Mayor

May 21, 2013

Honorable Sally J. Clark
President
Seattle City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor

Dear Council President Clark:

I am pleased to transmit the attached proposed Council Bill, which lifts a budget proviso and allows for increased outreach, engagement and case management for families. In Green Sheet 103-1-A-2, the Council imposed a proviso on \$135,000 in 2013 in the Human Services Department Transitional Living and Support BCL. Enclosed in this legislation package are the requested Comprehensive Outreach and Engagement Strategy and additional information on how HSD intends to use the resources under proviso, specifically for families. This funding will allow the department to increase outreach and services to 50 homeless families.

The funding provided to the Human Services Department will fill a critical need in both outreach and immediate service needs. With increased capacity, more families who are literally homeless will gain access to critical support and case management while awaiting a housing placement. Funding for services will increase assistance for housing, identification and other immediate needs. Moreover, increased data on the needs of such families as a result of closely tracking outreach efforts and outcomes will inform future policy and funding decisions.

Increasing outreach and services to 50 homeless families will help ensure that families are not staying in a place not meant for human habitation. By increasing funding for services that respond to immediate needs, families will be back on their feet more quickly and able to more easily access other resources. Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Jeanette Blankenship at 615-0087.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael McGinn", written over a horizontal line.

Michael McGinn
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council