

FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

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Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to a City-sanctioned homeless encampment on City-owned property; authorizing the Director of Finance and Administrative Services to execute a contract to conduct an environmental assessment of the “Glassyard” property located south of Highland Park Way Southwest between 2nd Avenue Southwest and South Myrtle Street; making an appropriation from the General Subfund; amending the 2013 Adopted Budget of the Department of Finance and Administrative Services; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts in connection thereto.

Summary of the Legislation: This legislation authorizes the Director of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) to execute a contract with a qualified firm to conduct an environmental assessment of the property commonly known as the “Glassyard” for the purpose of determining its potential viability as a City-sanctioned temporary homeless encampment.

Background: With the advent of the recent recession that affected our national and local economies, there are more homeless individuals and families as evidenced by the January 2013 One-Night Count of 1,989 people who spent the night without shelter on Seattle’s streets. While the Mayor and Council continue to aggressively support permanent, affordable housing options for individuals and families transitioning out of homelessness, temporary encampments have been established in recent years at different times and places throughout Seattle. As such, it has been determined that the City should explore whether a City-sanctioned encampment should be constructed on City-owned property to aid those in transition.

In recent years, a group of homeless individuals who refer to themselves as “Nickelsville,” have set up temporary encampments at numerous properties, including the City-owned property that housed the former Fire Station 39 in Lake City. Most recently, this group established its current temporary encampment at the City-owned property commonly known as the Glassyard, which is located in West Seattle. The Glassyard site as it currently exists is not suitable for a long-term encampment or transitional housing as it does not have basic amenities for shelter or hygiene purposes. As a result, the Mayor and Council wish to explore the possibility of constructing a temporary structure on the Glassyard site that would provide transitional services, food preparation, and hygiene facilities. Such a program would be run by an organization hired by the City to manage the encampment, and would provide up to 100 homeless people with a place to stay and with connections to critical human services while they transition to more permanent housing. In order to determine whether the Glassyard property is suitable for this purpose, the Department of Finance and Administrative Services will hire a consultant to conduct an environmental assessment of the site.

X This legislation has financial implications.

Appropriations:

Fund Name and Number	Department	Budget Control Level*	2013 Appropriation	2014 Anticipated Appropriation
General Subfund (00100)	Finance General	Appropriation to General Fund Subfunds and Special Funds (2QA00)	\$150,000	\$0
Finance and Administrative Services Fund (50300)	Department of Finance and Administrative Services	Facility Services (A3000)	\$150,000	\$0
TOTAL			\$300,000	\$0

Appropriations Notes:

Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from this Legislation:

Fund Name and Number	Department	Revenue Source	2013 Revenue	2014 Revenue
TOTAL			n/a	n/a

Revenue/Reimbursement Notes:

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

Position Title and Department	Position # for Existing Positions	Fund Name & #	PT/FT	2013 Positions	2013 FTE	2014 Positions*	2014 FTE*
TOTAL				0	0	0	0

* 2014 positions and FTE are total 2014 position changes resulting from this legislation, not incremental changes. Therefore, under 2014, please be sure to include any continuing positions from 2013.

Position Notes: n/a

Do positions sunset in the future? n/a

Spending/Cash Flow:

Fund Name & #	Department	Budget Control Level*	2013 Expenditures	2014 Anticipated Expenditures
TOTAL			n/a	n/a

* See budget book to obtain the appropriate Budget Control Level for your department.

Spending/Cash Flow Notes: n/a

Other Implications:

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?**
 Yes. If the environmental assessment concludes the Glassyard site is suitable for a temporary homeless encampment, the Mayor and Council may direct FAS to construct facilities on the site.
- b) **What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?** n/a
- c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
 No. In the event a decision is ultimately made to move forward with a City-sanctioned encampment, HSD would play a lead role in developing a program and overseeing the management of transition services.
- d) **What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or**

similar objectives? The City could identify another site for a temporary homeless encampment.

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?

Yes

h) Other Issues:

List attachments to the fiscal note below:

Att 1: Map of the Glassyard Site