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HSD Lift Proviso on Outreach Services for Families ORD
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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Executive has presented to the Council a detailed response to the proviso imposed in Green Sheet #103-1-A-2 as part of the 2013 budget adopted by Ordinance 124058; the response, included as Attachment 1 (for informational purposes only), addresses regarding a Comprehensive Outreach and Engagement Strategy and use of the funds for increased services and case management support, and satisfies 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.

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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.

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

(Seal)

[Attachment 1: Human Services Department response to City Council Green Sheet 103-1-A-2, a proviso on HSD funding for additional outreach services for families – For Information Only](#)