

2022 Seattle City Council Budget Action

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Budget Action Title: Proviso \$800,000 Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery (CLFR) funds in HSD to support COVID modifications and services at youth engagement centers

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

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Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2022 Increase (Decrease)	2023 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$0	
Net Balance Effect	\$0	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$0	

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action would impose a proviso on \$800,000 Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery (CLFR) funds in the Human Services Department (HSD) in the 2022 Proposed Budget that would support COVID modifications and associated increases in operating costs at engagement centers for young people experiencing homelessness, such as those operated by YouthCare. The 2022 Proposed Budget includes \$3.7 million in CLFR funds to maintain modifications at homelessness services agencies that reduce or prevent the spread of COVID-19, including the \$800,000 that would be restricted by this proviso. This proviso would ensure that YouthCare receives the same level of funding for these service modifications as was received in 2021.

Engagement centers, such as those operated by YouthCare, provide 24/7 access to programs for young people experiencing homelessness, including emergency shelter and connections to basic needs

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supports, education, and housing. To increase social distancing, YouthCare moved some engagement centers to new, larger locations. As a result, rent and utility costs have increased. In addition, restrictions on visitors due to COVID led to a reduction in the number of groups providing meals to the young people accessing the program, which YouthCare has had to offset from its own funding.

In early 2021, only shelter programs, not hybrid day center and shelter programs, like engagement centers, were provided supplemental funding to maintain COVID modifications, and \$800,000 in additional appropriations were later provided to maintain the modifications at hybrid programs. The funds provided in the 2022 Proposed Budget would maintain that funding.

This action would impose the following proviso:

"Of the appropriations in the Human Services Department's 2022 Budget for the Addressing Homelessness Budget Summary Level (HSD-BO-HS-H3000) in the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (14000), \$800,000 is appropriated solely to maintain COVID modifications and associated increases in operating costs at engagement centers for young people experiencing homelessness, such as those operated by YouthCare."

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
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