

Supporting Safe Communities Proviso Lift ORD

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Legislation Overview

- This legislation lifts a proviso included in the 2023 Adopted Budget on funds in the Human Services Department:

CBA HSD-021-A-002 specifies that, “Of the appropriation in the 2023 budget for the Human Services Department, \$200,000 is appropriated solely for therapeutic services including behavioral health, advocacy, and medical wrap-around services for women who have experienced sexual exploitation on Aurora Avenue N. and may be spent for no other purpose. Council has identified the 'Safe, Healthy, Empowered' (S.H.E.) Clinic for this funding...”

Legislation Overview (continued)

"Furthermore, none of the money so appropriated may be spent until authorized by future ordinance. Council anticipates that such authority will not be granted until the Human Services Department announces the recipients of the funding awarded through the 2022 gender-based violence survivor services request for proposals."

- Awards for the **Gender-Based Violence Survivor Services RFP** were announced in December 2022.

Spending Plan

- Contract with Safe Health Empowered (S.H.E.) Clinic which meets the conditions outlined in the Council Budget Action.
- S.H.E. Clinic is a program of Aurora Commons and in partnership with Harborview providing clinical services to women on Aurora Ave.



Spending Plan (continued)

If this legislation passes, funds will be contracted with Aurora Commons to support the S.H.E. Clinic, a regular mobile health unit for women on Aurora Avenue facing homelessness, drug dependence, violence, and commercial sexual exploitation. The S.H.E. Clinic provides:

- Low barrier drop-in space
- Multidisciplinary health care
- Behavioral health services, including mental health care, substance use counseling, and life skills.
- On-site community advocates that provide crisis intervention, support and connection to medical and therapeutic resources, and emotional support and information about DV/SA/CSE resources.

QUESTIONS?

