

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE relating to civil rights; authorizing the Director of the Office for Civil Rights to execute an agreement with the Social Justice Fund, a Washington non-profit, to provide services relating to zero youth detention projects; amending Ordinance 124927 by lifting a budget proviso; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Summary and background of the Legislation: This Legislation is related to the funds for work related to youth detention alternative services (also known as zero detention projects) which the City Council included in the 2016 Adopted Budget. The Legislation approves a contract with the Social Justice Fund (SJF) and lifts a Council proviso on the funding as required by Council Green Sheet 34-1-A-2.

Resolution 31614, passed by the Council in September 2015, endorsed a vision of the City of Seattle becoming a city with zero use of detention for youth, and set forth steps the City could take to eliminate the need for youth detention. The Resolution also expressed the City's intent to allocate City resources for alternatives to detention and incarceration for youth.

During the 2016 budget process, City Council added funding and position authority to carry out the work associated with the resolution. Most of the funding was intended for a contract with the SJF to administer a community-based competitive process to allocate contract funding towards youth detention alternative services and then to contract with the organizations awarded funding through that process. SJF is a non-profit that has been funding grass-roots strategies and programs for social change throughout the Northwest since 1978 through a unique grass roots, community-driven funding allocation process known as the Giving Project.

The Giving Project brings together a multi-racial group of 15-25 people who work together over six months to build community with one another, develop a shared analysis of race and class, fundraise from their own networks and make strategic grants based on a competitive funding process. Because of the Race and Social Justice Initiative nexus, the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) has become the City department fiscally responsible for the contracting with SJF.

The 2016 Adopted Budget appropriated \$600,000 to OCR for this contract, which includes the administrative and personnel costs for SJF, as well as the funds to be used for the zero detention projects. Specific use of these funds will be developed as outlined in the attached contract with no more than \$100,000 dedicated to administrative and personnel costs for SJF.

Council imposed the following proviso on the funding: “None of the money appropriated in the 2016 budget for the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) may be spent on a contract with the Social Justice Fund for Zero Detention Projects until the City Council approves the proposed contract by ordinance.”

This legislation does not have direct financial implications because funding associated with the contract was previously discussed and approved in the 2016 Adopted Budget.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

This legislation creates, funds, or amends a CIP Project.

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This legislation does not have direct financial implications.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a) **Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?**

This funding is one-time in nature at this time. Should the City determine that this work will occur in the long-term, additional resources will need to be identified for this purpose.

b) **Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?**

This contract has been budgeted and appropriated in the 2016 Adopted Budget; if the proviso is not lifted, none of the funding would be available for use for this or other purposes until the proviso is lifted.

c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**

The Office for Civil Rights will execute the contract with SJF and make payments to the contractors.

d) **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**

No.

e) **Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?**

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) Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?

Yes, as mentioned previously, SJF brings together a multi-racial group of 15-25 people who work together over six months to build community with one another, develop a shared analysis of race and class, fundraise from their own networks and make strategic grants based on a competitive bid process. It is anticipated that this process will ensure the inclusion of vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities in the solutions to address youth detention, an issue which currently disproportionately affects these communities.

As Section 6 of the Zero Detention Resolution states:

The City Council intends to allocate funds in a manner that focuses on and includes participation from anti-racist community-based agencies and African-American youth - so that those who are most disproportionately arrested, detained, and incarcerated are able to determine their own circumstances and be engaged in developing a different path forward for their communities.”

i) If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program’s desired goals.

The long-term and measurable goal of this process is to reduce the incidence of youth incarceration. Specific goals and measurable outcomes will be defined and included in the individual contracts with the grantees, yet to be determined.

j) Other Issues:

List attachments/exhibits below: