

2020 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Agenda

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Budget Action Title: Request that OCR spend a portion of its \$1 million in its 2020 Proposed Budget on community-based organizations to create restorative justice approaches to individuals committing hate crimes

Ongoing: No

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Council Members:

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) requests that the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) spend some portion of the \$1,080,000 included in the 2020 Proposed Budget on community-based organizations to develop or provide restorative justice programs for individuals who commit hate or bias crimes. OCR is currently developing a process to equitably distribute these funds in 2020.

Preliminary research shows that there are no existing community-based programs, trainings or community services rooted in harm reduction or restorative justice related to the commission of hate crimes to which a person who has committed a hate crime can participate. The grant of this funding is intended to fill that gap.

Consistent with the 2020 Endorsed Budget, the 2020 Proposed Budget includes \$1,080,000 for community-based organizations providing alternatives to or addressing harm created by the criminal justice system. The funding is expected to support organizations focused on achieving safety, health, healing, and reconciliation through alternatives to the criminal legal system. This SLI asks that OCR add an additional purpose of creating restorative justice programs for individuals committing hate and bias crimes.