

## 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

- 1. Legislation Title:** AN ORDINANCE related to appropriations for the Office for Civil Rights; amending Ordinance 125493, which amended the 2018 Budget (Ordinance 125475); and lifting a proviso imposed on the Office for Civil Rights for funding a comprehensive community-based youth diversion program by Green Sheet 91-1-B-1.
- 2. Summary and background of the Legislation:** The legislation lifts a proviso that Council placed on an OCR budget add during the 2018 budget process. The proviso reads: *“Of the appropriation in the 2018 budget for the Seattle Office for Civil Rights (SOCR), \$100,000 is appropriated solely for a comprehensive youth diversion program and may be spent for no other purpose. Furthermore, none of the money so appropriated may be spent until the City Council approves by ordinance a proposed spending plan submitted by SOCR to the City Council committee with oversight over civil rights issues and the City Council Central Staff Director.”* The proposed legislation submits the spending plan for the \$100,000 and lifts the proviso.

The attached Community Consortium Budget contains more information about how the money will be spent.

### 2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- a. Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?     \_\_\_ Yes X No

### 3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget?                     X Yes \_\_\_ No  
This legislation lifts a proviso on the Office for Civil Rights’ budget.
- b. Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?  
No.
- c. Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?  
OCR would not have the funding to pursue a youth diversion program.

#### 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**  
No.
- b. **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**  
No.
- c. **Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?**  
No.
- d. **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**  
No.
- e. **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**  
No.
- f. **Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?**

The Race and Social Justice Initiative and its principles aim to eliminate institutional racism and create a community where equity in opportunity exists for everyone. To accomplish this, the Initiative works within City government and with community leaders to get to the root cause of racial inequity: institutional racism. Overwhelming data clearly demonstrates that institutional racism within the criminal justice system causes significant harm to communities of color, particularly to Black and Native communities. Indeed, the City's own resolution to "eliminate the need for youth detention," acknowledges that institutional racism is pervasive in policies and practices that lead to youth incarceration. (See City of Seattle Resolution 31614).

The Community Consortium's proposal is dedicated to building a community-based infrastructure and diversion program to reduce a young person's involvement with the criminal justice system so that the City can reach its commitment of zero youth detention. The Consortium includes several community-based organizations who have shown commitment and experience in serving youth from communities most impacted by racism and incarceration. Most of the youth served by these organizations are from communities of color and those communities most impacted by the criminal justice system. The funding will allow youth with direct experience of violence and the criminal justice system to help inform the development, direction and oversight of the Consortium's work to ensure that youth will benefit from its plan.

- g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion:  
What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will  
this legislation help achieve the program’s desired goal(s).**

This funding will help build the Community Consortium, a “community-based infrastructure” that supports youth on their path to self-determination and healthy development while reducing legal system involvement. This Community Consortium will be the first time Seattle area organizations serving youth have come together to collectively design and develop a diversion program that diverts youth away from the traditional criminal legal system. While each of the organizations within the consortium has successful experience serving youth involved in the criminal justice system, historically these organizations have worked independently and parallel to each other. Bringing these organizations together will create a “network” that can “more holistically and effectively shift power and resources” to youth, their families, and communities. (See Community Consortium Proposal). The Community Consortium also plans to reduce institutional racism within the criminal justice system through policy development and recommendations to decisionmakers in Seattle and King County. Since this collaboration is still new, this funding is required to address capacity building, development of shared analysis, and to support the strengthening of relationships between these organizations.

The majority of the funding will pay for Consortium organization and youth participation in development meetings through stipends and consultant contracts.

Long Term Goal: To create a Community Consortium of service providers who meet regularly and are developing a community-led diversion program that reduces youth involvement in the criminal justice system.

Measurable goals--strategies to achieve long-term goal:

- 3 groups hold monthly meetings for 12 months (1 consortium, 2 youth council)
- Develop and implement 6 youth leadership workshops to prepare youth for involvement on Community Consortium
- Coordinate youth referrals between all Consortium members
- Develop parent participation in Consortium
- Identify and develop new consortium partners

**List attachments/exhibits below:**

Summary Attachment A – Community Consortium Proposal