

2020 Seattle City Council Budget Action

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Budget Action Title: Add \$124,000 one-time GF for sex industry workers diversion program and impose a proviso

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Lorena González

Council Members: Lisa Herbold, Bruce Harrell, Kshama Sawant, Abel Pacheco, Mike O'Brien, Sally Bagshaw

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Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	BH	KS	AP	DJ	MO	SB	TM	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2020 Increase (Decrease)	2021 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$124,000	
Net Balance Effect	\$(124,000)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(124,000)	

Budget Action Description:

This action adds \$124,000 one-time GF to the Mayor's Office of Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault (MODVSA) to contract with a provider organization to facilitate Sex Industry Workers Diversion classes. This program will, in part, provide navigation to services such as education and employment readiness, housing, and chemical dependency counseling. This contract would go to an organization with subject matter expertise such as Organization for Prostitution Survivors (OPS), Real Escape from the Sex Trade (REST), Aurora Commons, or YWCA.

The program will provide a post-booking diversion option for prostitution arrests consistent with the requirements in Seattle Municipal Code 12A.10.110. This diversion program was funded through the Sexual Exploitation Victims Service project from 2014 to 2018. Funding ended in 2018, in part due to a decrease in prostitution arrests. According to the Seattle Police Department, there has been an increase

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in prostitution arrests in 2019.

Consistent with the 2020 Endorsed Budget, there is no funding for the Sexual Exploitation Victims Service project in the 2020 Proposed Budget. This action would restore 13 percent of the 2018 contract funding of \$955,671.

This action adds the following proviso on the HSD budget:

"Of the appropriations in the 2020 budget for the Human Services Department, \$124,000 is appropriated solely for the sex industry workers diversion program and may be spent for no other purpose."

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Add GF for sex industry workers diversion program		0	0	HSD - HS000	HSD - BO-HS-H4000 - Supporting Safe Communities	00100 - General Fund	2020	\$0	\$124,000