

2023 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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| HSD | 021 | A | 002-2023 |

Budget Action Title: Add \$200,000 GF (2023) to HSD for therapeutic services for survivors of commercial sexual exploitation, domestic violence, and sexual assault and impose a proviso

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

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Council Members: Lisa Herbold, Andrew Lewis, Teresa Mosqueda, Sara Nelson

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Council Bill or Resolution:

| Date | | Total | LH | TM | KS | AP | DJ | DS | AL | BC | SN |
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| | Yes | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| | No | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| | Abstain | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| | Absent | 0 | | | | | | | | | |

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

| | 2023 Increase (Decrease) | 2024 Increase (Decrease) |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| General Fund | | |
| General Fund Revenues | \$0 | \$0 |
| General Fund Expenditures | \$200,000 | \$0 |
| Net Balance Effect | \$(200,000) | \$0 |
| Total Budget Balance Effect | \$(200,000) | \$0 |

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action would add \$200,000 GF (one-time) in 2023 to the Human Services Department (HSD) and impose a proviso on that funding for therapeutic services for survivors of commercial sexual exploitation, domestic violence, and sexual assault. Council has identified the "Safe, Healthy, Empowered" (S.H.E.) Clinic for this funding and requests that the HSD Director waive the requirements of Seattle Municipal Code subsection 3.20.050.B, as authorized by subsection 3.20.050.C. This funding should be prioritized for behavioral health, advocacy, and medical wrap-around services for women who have experienced sexual exploitation on Aurora Avenue N.

The S.H.E. Clinic is a program partnership between Aurora Commons and Harborview Medical Center and is currently supported by the Washington State Department of Health, the City of Seattle, and the Pacific Hospital Preservation and Development Authority. It opened in 2018 to provide healthcare

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services to survivors of commercial sexual exploitation, domestic violence, and sexual assault in a context that recognizes that the services needed are caused by homelessness, poverty, drug dependence, and violent victimization, but that these same factors can serve as barriers to access. Aurora Commons serves about 400 women per year and uses at least \$200,000 in operating expenses to continue providing therapeutic services to its clients.

This Council Budget Action would impose the following proviso: "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 and requests that the Human Services Department Director waive the requirements of Seattle Municipal Code subsection 3.20.050.B, as authorized by subsection 3.20.050.C. 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."

Budget Action Transactions

| # | Transaction Description | Position Title | Number of Positions | FTE | Dept | BSL | Fund | Year | Revenue Amount | Expenditure Amount |
|---|---|----------------|---------------------|-----|-------------|---|----------------------|------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Add funding for therapeutic services for survivors of commercial sexual exploitation, domestic violence, and sexual assault | | 0 | 0 | HSD - HS000 | HSD - BO-HS-H4000 - Supporting Safe Communities | 00100 - General Fund | 2023 | \$0 | \$200,000 |