

2017 - 2018 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Add \$220,000 GSF to CJCS in 2017 and in 2018 to fund a two-year civil legal aid pilot program

Ongoing: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: No

Primary Sponsor: Herbold, Lisa

Councilmembers: Burgess

Staff Analyst: Amy Tsai

Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	SB	TB	LG	BH	LH	RJ	DJ	MO	KS
	Yes										
	No										
	Abstain										
	Absent										

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2017 Increase (Decrease)	2018 Increase (Decrease)
General Subfund		
General Subfund Revenues	\$0	\$0
General Subfund Expenditures	\$220,000	\$220,000
Net Balance Effect	(\$220,000)	(\$220,000)
Total Budget Balance Effect	(\$220,000)	(\$220,000)

Budget Action description:

This budget action would add \$440,000 of funding to Criminal Justice Contracted Services for a two-year pilot for civil legal services attorneys to provide services in coordination with the criminal representation provided to Seattle Municipal Court indigent defendants by the King County Department of Public Defense (KC DPD). Services would include helping KC DPD attorneys and their Seattle Municipal Court clients determine plea agreements that help meet the client's needs by taking into account collateral impacts to the client such as housing impacts. The civil legal services attorneys would be hired through a contract with KC DPD.

The scope of work for the civil legal aid contract with KC DPD would also include requiring KC DPD to develop and report to the Council on criteria for providing civil legal representation to Seattle Municipal Court public defense clients on housing matters such as eviction proceedings. Upon, and only upon, approval of the

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criteria by resolution of the Council, the civil legal services provided under the contract could include civil legal representation on housing matters.

An annual cost of \$220,000 would support approximately 2.5 entry-level attorneys operating under contract in coordination with three divisions of the King County Department of Public Defense that provide public defense contract services for Seattle Municipal Court. It is based on civil legal aid models from the Public Defender Services for the District of Columbia and the Bronx Defenders approach to holistic defense.

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Budget Action Transactions

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#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BCL or Revenue Source	Summit Code	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Increase GSF support to CJCS for civil legal aid pilot				CJCS	Indigent Defense Services	VJ500	00100	2017		\$220,000
2	Increase GSF support to CJCS for civil legal aid pilot				CJCS	Indigent Defense Services	VJ500	00100	2018		\$220,000