

2018 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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**Budget Action Title:** Add \$575,000 GSF to SOCR for Zero Youth Detention initiative contracts and capacity building and a Strategic Advisor I position and reduce \$175,000 from the Mayor's Office budget

Ongoing: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: No

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Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	SB	KH	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)
<b>General Subfund</b>		
<b>General Subfund Revenues</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>General Subfund Expenditures</b>	\$0	\$400,000
<b>Net Balance Effect</b>	\$0	(\$400,000)
<b>Total Budget Balance Effect</b>	\$0	(\$400,000)

**Budget Action description:**

This green sheet would add \$575,000 GSF to the Seattle Office for Civil Rights (SOCR) to contract with organizations to provide community led alternatives to youth detention to further the Zero Youth Detention initiative and add a Strategic Advisor I position, and reduce \$175,000 GSF from the Mayor's Office in funding for staff.

This reduction reflects the cost of a Mayor's Office Staff position but does not cut position authority. The Proposed 2018 Budget includes 29.5 FTEs for the Mayor's Office, excluding Office of Policy and Innovation staff. This is five FTEs more than was provided, on average, to the three former Mayors. These numbers exclude policy office staff. This reduction will free up funding for other Council priorities.

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In 2015, Council allocated \$600,000 to SOCR to contract with organizations creating community-led strategies for alternatives to youth detention, with a focus on “upstream” approaches. That allocation came after Council adopted Resolution 31614, which called for the City to adopt a vision for the zero use of youth detention. The Resolution specified that the City shall invest in anti-racist strategies towards achieving this vision. Community advocated for funds to be distributed using the Social Justice Fund’s “Giving Project” model, which brings together a multi-racial group of 15-25 people who work together over several months to build community with one another, develop a shared analysis of race and class, fundraise from their own networks, and make strategic grants. Similar to the Equitable Development Initiative and the Equity and Environment Initiative processes, the participants worked together for several months to develop key objectives and strategies in achieving a broader vision (in this case zero youth detention), and made recommendations for investments given available funding.

Funding of \$362,000 is intended to renew the contracts ending in December 2017 for one year with organizations that wish to renew them. The funding would go towards continuing the strategies developed in the first year of funding. Due to time limitations, SOCR is not expected to use a "Giving Project" model to inform funding; rather, the funding should be distributed using a racial equity lens and focus on communities most impacted by youth incarceration. In addition, \$75,000 would support capacity building for community organizations to participate in discussions regarding long-term City investments in alternatives to detention. The Strategic Advisor I position funded with \$138,000 will run a process to award and manage the contracts, as well as staff the work involved in Green Sheet 97-1-B-1 regarding a community-based youth diversion program and the bail reform work described in Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) 303-1-A-2.

The following organizations received funding for the first round of grants:

**African American Leadership Forum (AALF) – \$30,000.** The mission of AALF is to identify, create and promote community-based solutions to strengthen families, youth, and children in the African American community of Greater Seattle. Funding will go to support TEENERGY, a social justice arts program for teens who are mostly African American, and the African American Family Gatherings event series, providing strategies to help families close the opportunity gap and cultivate black children's genius.

**Black Star Line (BSL) - \$60,000.** The mission of BSL is to create and support institutions, community programming, and activities that value and support African-centered and character based teaching that leads to vision. Funding will support capacity for Black Parent Empowerment work, to inspire dialogue and learning among African American parents that make the connections between system barriers and open doors to creative grass roots solutions.

**BlackOut WA- \$10,000.** BlackOut WA is a Black advocacy group with a focus on building capacity around political advocacy and civic engagement for families of African descent. In partnership with the Black Community Impact Alliance, Blackout is working to maintain a strong African American community in the Central District, with housing and entrepreneurship opportunities, and to develop Black leadership and political voice to disrupt the prison industrial complex.

**Community Passageways - \$50,000.** Community Passageways collaborates with social service agencies, government agencies, and other organizations and decision-makers to create a streamlined process for youth success. Funding will allow Community Passageways to go into prisons, detention centers, schools and communities to help youth learn to identify and address their own trauma, and to develop a pool of community ambassadors who will mentor youth and walk with youth through passageways of success.

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**Companion Athletics (CA) - \$30,000.** CA creates athletic programs that encourage solidarity and instill values that help youth understand how we are all inextricably connected. Funding will support CA's athletic and leadership program, including diversion from juvenile court. Funds will help with facility costs, the drug awareness program, and stipends for youth in the leadership empowerment program.

**Creative Justice - \$30,000.** Creative Justice offers an arts-based alternative to incarceration for young people in King County and engages in advocacy for court-involved young people to remain in the community. Funding will support planning efforts, leadership development training and special projects for the newly formed Youth Leadership Board, and the continuation of a case manager, to deepen the connection to the participants and the adults in their lives.

**Culturally Appropriate & Responsive Education (CARE) Center - \$30,000.** CARE Center's mission is to promote and cultivate the social and economic development of African youth and their families. Funding will help CARE develop and offer workshops for youth and families to understand the systems causing these disparities, and trainings to empower them to organize and change policies and systems.

**Life Over Violence Educational Group (L.O.V.E Group) - \$10,000.** The mission of L.O.V.E Group is to manifest a fruitful future for the African diaspora that consists of empowering youth through group studies, knowledge of self and providing resources for a sustainable future. This grant will support a series of community based empowerment convenings to holistically educate and mentor African American gang-involved and other youth of color.

**Rainier Beach Restorative Justice Project (RBRP) - \$50,000.** The mission of the RBRP is to implement a community-led alternative to detention that utilizes restorative justice (RJ) principles to reduce juvenile incarceration and recidivism. The funding will allow Rainier Beach High School (RBHS) RJ Project Pilot Year to create an RJ Coordinator for implementation of restorative practices and anti-racist principles at all levels at RBHS. The pilot is a foundation to nurture the school and community to develop the skills, culture, and infrastructure needed for a successful RJ model, stemming the school to prison pipeline.

**Seattle Young People's Project (SYPP) - \$50,000.** SYPP encourages and supports youth-led projects for social change. Funds will be used for youth of color-led, adult supported anti-racist organizing and leadership development, disrupting the prison industrial complex and school to prison pipeline.

**South Lake High School (SLHS)/Good Shepherd Youth Outreach (GSYO) - \$70,000.** SLHS and GSYO's innovative partnership will combine direct services/strategies to provide youth an alternative to the prison industrial complex. GSYO's successful Standing Tall Mentorship Academic Program (ST-MAP) will be implemented at SLHS and funding will support implementation of this program to reduce incarceration, recidivism, and dropout rates for SLHS students.

**United Better Thinking (UBT) - \$30,000.** UBT's mission is to strengthen and nurture relationships in the community, educational and judicial system. Its goal is to dismantle/disrupt the school to prison pipeline by helping communities of color avoid incarceration and permanent human erosion. UBT will conduct workshops and increase presence in the juvenile detention center and schools, helping youth understand and develop their emotional intelligence and build their capacity for self-determination.

**WA-BLOC - \$30,000.** WA-BLOC's programs re-engage students in school, build intergenerational agents of change, dismantle systemic racism, and disrupt the school to prison pipeline. Funds will be used to transform

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culture and space at RBHS by building intergenerational place-based leaders of change to disrupt educationally embedded systemic racism and dismantle the school to prison pipeline.

**We.app - \$20,000.** The mission of We.App is to provide every young scholar with the support and resources necessary to speak their truth and share their story without regrets. Funding will be used to expand and sustain programming in Title 1 Seattle Public Schools; offer subsidized in-school and after-school programming for traditionally underfunded schools in vulnerable Seattle neighborhoods; and launch professional development trainings for community members, educators, teaching artists, and administrators to create safe spaces where students, especially students of color, and adults can openly discuss social justice and create visions for the future, like alternatives to youth incarceration.

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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 appropriation and add position for Zero Youth Detention initiative	StratAdvsr1,Exempt - FT	1	1	OCR	Civil Rights	X1R00	00100	2018		\$575,000
2	Reduce appropriation for staffing in the Mayor's Office				MO	Office of the Mayor	X1A00	00100	2018		(\$175,000)