

2016 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Add \$600,000 GSF to OCR for Zero Detention projects and impose a budget proviso

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Councilmembers: Burgess; Godden; Harrell; O'Brien; Sawant

Staff Analyst: Patricia Lee

Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	SB	BH	JO	TR	NL	TB	JG	MO	KS
	Yes										
	No										
	Abstain										
	Absent										

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2015 Increase (Decrease)	2016 Increase (Decrease)
General Subfund		
General Subfund Revenues	\$0	\$0
General Subfund Expenditures	\$0	\$600,000
Net Balance Effect	\$0	(\$600,000)
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$0	(\$600,000)

Budget Action description:

Zero Detention Projects

This green sheet would add \$600,000 GSF to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) to: 1) contract with the Social Justice Fund (SJF) to administer a community-based competitive bid process to allocate funding towards

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youth detention alternative services and, 2) to contract with the organizations awarded funding through that process.

This green sheet would impose the following budget proviso:

“None of the money appropriated in the 2016 budget for the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) may be spent on a contract with the Social Justice Fund for Zero Detention Projects until the City Council approves the proposed contract by ordinance.” OCR should submit the proposed contract to the City Council committee with oversight over civil rights issues.”

Resolution 31614, passed by the Council in September 2015, endorses a vision of the City of Seattle becoming a city with zero use of detention for youth, and sets forth steps the City can take to eliminate the need for youth detention. The Resolution also expresses the City’s intent to allocate City resources for alternatives to detention and incarceration for youth.

Equally important as the specific programs that are to be funded is the process for allocating the funds. As Section 6 of the Resolution states:

The City Council intends to allocate funds in a manner that focuses on and includes participation from anti-racist community-based agencies and African-American youth - so that those who are most disproportionately arrested, detained, and incarcerated are able to determine their own circumstances and be engaged in developing a different path forward for their communities.”

SJF is a non-profit that has been funding grass-roots strategies and programs for social change throughout the Northwest since 1978. SJF has developed and implemented a unique grass roots, community-driven funding allocation process known as the Giving Project. The Giving Project brings together a multi-racial group of 15-25 people who work together over six months to build community with one another, develop a shared analysis of race and class, fundraise from their own networks and make strategic grants based on a competitive bid process.

The OCR will be the City department fiscally responsible for the funds and outcomes to be achieved with this funding. The OCR will contract with SJF to use the Giving Project to allocate this funding and OCR will work with the SJF to determine clearly defined program outcomes and contracting responsibilities, consistent with both Resolution 31614 and Resolution 31425.

The \$600,000 includes the administrative and personnel costs for SJF, as well as the community grant funds. The exact amount that SJF will be provided to administer the contract process will be determined between SJF and OCR and will include a cap on SJF’s administrative costs.

Council requests that OCR provide a written report to the Council’s committee with oversight of civil rights issues, on the organizations who have been allocated funding and the outcomes they have contracted for.

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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	Add 600,000 to OCR for Zero Detention projects				OCR	Civil Rights	X1R00	00100	2016		\$600,000