

2016 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Impose a proviso on HSD spending for 24-hour shelter

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Councilmembers: Bagshaw; O'Brien; Okamoto

Staff Analyst: Abigail Doerr; Eric McConaghy; Lilly Rehrmann

Council Bill or Resolution:

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

Budget Action description:

This green sheet imposes the following proviso on appropriations in the Mayor's proposed budget limiting spending on 24-hour shelter until a work plan and timeline for spending funds is approved by the Chair of the Committee on Housing Human Services Health and Culture, or its successor committee, and filed with the City Clerk.

"None of the money appropriated in the 2016 budget for the Human Services Department's Community Support and Assistance budget control level may be spent for 24-hour shelter until the Chair of the Council's Human Services Committee files with the City Clerk her or his certification that the Department of Human Services has provided a work plan and timeline for spending these funds in support of 24-hour services."

"Council requests that the Human Services Department present the work plan and timeline to the Human Services Committee no later than February 1, 2016."

Background

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The 2016 Proposed Budget includes \$200,000 to support the provision of 24-hour shelter.

Shelter, or shelter bed, typically means a place to sleep overnight. Enhanced shelter services provide a place to sleep, but also offer on-site assessment and case management. Day centers are indoor facilities that may provide a variety of services, including a place to rest, hygiene, laundry, and case management and are staffed and accessible from morning through the afternoon or early evening.

24-hour shelter means indoor shelter that is open and staffed around-the-clock. Shelter may be accessible 24-hours a day, meaning that clients can access sleeping quarters at all times.

In general, the staffing required for daytime shelter is twice that of night-time shelter, about 50 staff per client compared to 25 staff per client. Not surprisingly, the space and furnishing for daytime and night-time shelter are different. The services available at a shelter, in addition to a place to rest and/or sleep, also significantly influence the needs for space and furnishing. A 24-hour shelter can provide necessary services and a safe, warm place for people experiencing homelessness.