

2017 - 2018 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Proviso \$900,000 of GSF in HSD for use solely to support new, authorized encampments in 2017

Ongoing: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Primary Sponsor: Sawant, Kshama

Councilmembers: Herbold; O'Brien

Staff Analyst: Eric McConaghy

Council Bill or Resolution:

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

Budget Action description:

The budget action establishes a proviso on 2017 HSD spending of funds in the Homelessness Strategy and Investment BCL to support new, authorized encampments for people living unsheltered in Seattle.

“Of the appropriation for 2017 in the Human Services Department Division of Homeless Strategy and Investment BCL, \$900,000 is appropriated solely to support new, authorized encampments, which may include funding self-governing encampments, and may be spent for no other purpose.”

The Mayor’s Interim Action Plan (see attached) includes \$900,000 for four new authorized encampments. The City will provide a public notification process prior to implementing any of the new sites. This funding for new encampments may pay for supports such as staffing, set-up costs, rent, and transit fare. Such funding may be provided to operators using a self-governing model of encampment organization.

HSD may perform community asset mapping analysis on the function and capability of self-governing, unsanctioned encampments to better understand their financial needs and their potential to benefit unhoused people.

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