2017 - 2018 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Increase GSF support by $491,000 in both 2017 and 2018 to HSD for flexible and mobile advocates to assist DVSA survivors

Ongoing: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: No

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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	*$491,000*	*$491,000*
Net Balance Effect	***($491,000)***	***($491,000)***
Other Funds		
Human Services Operating Fund (16200)		
Revenues	*$491,000*	*$491,000*
Expenditures	*$491,000*	*$491,000*
Net Balance Effect	***$0***	***$0***
Total Budget Balance Effect	***($491,000)***	***($491,000)***

Budget Action description:

This green sheet would add $491,000 GSF in both 2017 and 2018 to the Human Services Department (HSD) for four flexible, mobile advocates to assist survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault (DVSA). Specifically, these advocates would: identify and remove barriers to accessing services and obtaining justice;

assist survivors access to specific services; engage in outreach, community engagement and interagency collaboration; and provide information, support, training and consultation to friends, family, community members and professionals supporting survivors; and to hold abusers accountable.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT STATISTICS

- 1 in 5 women, and 1 in 7 men have been severely physically abused by an intimate partner (National Coalition Against Domestic Violence).

- 1 in 6 women and 1 in 33 men have been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime (National Institute of Justice and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention).

- In 2015, there were 68 domestic violence fatalities in WA State; a total of 563 fatalities in a span of 9 years (WA State Coalition Against Domestic Violence).

    - The WA State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WSCADV) study of fatality review data from 1997 – 2006 revealed that "Hispanic/Latina, African American, American Indian and Alaska Natives, and Asian and Pacific Islander women in WA State are at 2.5 to 3.5 times greater risk for domestic violence homicide than white, non-Hispanic women.

- Domestic violence is one of the leading causes of homelessness for women and children (WA State Coalition Against Domestic Violence).

- Among the U.S. city mayors surveyed in 2005, 50% identified intimate partner violence as a primary cause of homelessness in their city.

- 90% of homeless mothers have been victims of violence (often domestic); 66% of homeless women have been assaulted by an adult partner; and 38% of all DV survivors become homeless as a consequence of domestic violence.

- 22% - 57% of homeless women identify DV as the main cause of their homelessness. (Kris Billhardt, 2007).

SERVICE MODEL

Mobile, flexible domestic violence and sexual assault advocacy is a best/promising practice based on the "Domestic Violence Housing First" (DVHF), a project of the WA State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WSCADV), funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. It focuses on helping survivors and their children rapidly access new housing, or retain their current housing, and maintain safety and stability in their housing. The key elements to this promising approach are that advocates (1) provide individualized, flexible, and mobile assistance within survivors' chosen communities; (2) provide flexible funding to meet immediate needs related to housing and safety; (3) work directly with landlords and public housing authorities to expand options for survivors; and (4) use a trauma-informed lens to respond to survivors' and children's needs related not only to past victimization but ongoing threats, sabotage and violence.

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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 for mobile DVSA advocates				FG	Human Services Operating Fund	Q5971620	00100	2017		$491,000
2	Increase revenue from GSF for mobile DVSA advocates				HSD	General Subfund Support	587001	16200	2017	$491,000	
3	Increase appropriation for mobile DVSA advocates				HSD	Leadership and Administration	H50LA	16200	2017		$491,000
4	Increase GSF support for mobile DVSA advocates				FG	Human Services Operating Fund	Q5971620	00100	2018		$491,000
5	Increase revenue from GSF for mobile DVSA advocates				HSD	General Subfund Support	587001	16200	2018	$491,000	
6	Increase appropriation for mobile DVSA advocates				HSD	Leadership and Administration	H50LA	16200	2018		$491,000