

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

- a. **Legislation Title:** AN ORDINANCE related to appropriations for the Human Services Department; amending Ordinance 125207, which adopted the 2017 budget; lifting a proviso; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.
- b. **Summary and background of the Legislation:** This legislation lifts a budget proviso placed on funds in Finance General related to the provision of social service navigators at food banks (Green Sheet 265-1-B-2-2017).

The 2017 Adopted Budget includes \$475,000 in Finance General Reserves for the provision of social service navigators at food banks. Council adopted a proviso on Finance General funding that appropriations could not be transferred to the Human Services Department until authorized by future ordinance. The proviso states, “Of the appropriation in the 2017 budget for the Finance General Reserves BCL, \$475,000 is appropriated (and of the amount endorsed for 2018, \$475,000 is expected to be appropriated) solely for the provision of social service navigators at food banks. Furthermore, none of the money so appropriated may be spent until authorized by future ordinance. Council anticipates that such authority will not be granted until the Human Services Department (HSD) provides Council with a report including a description of: (1) the work and funding the City already does or contracts for that achieves the same outcomes for which the social service navigators are intended; (2) how new social service navigators would fit into the city’s existing portfolio of services; (3) how duplication of existing services will be prevented; (4) the plan for effectively achieving outcomes; and (5) how these services will be evaluated.”

On March 22, HSD will use the monthly director’s report that is provided by Director Lester to the Human Services Public Health committee to update City Council on how the conditions of the proviso are being and have been met.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- a. **Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?** ___ Yes ___ X No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? Yes No

The legislation removes a proviso Council adopted with the 2017 Budget. Specifically, this legislation transfers \$475,000 of appropriation from the Finance General Reserve Budget Control Level to the Youth and Family Empowerment Budget Control Level in the Humans Services Operating Fund.

- b. Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?

All anticipated costs to the Human Services Department and Finance General Reserves have been included in the 2017 Adopted Budget and are reflected above.

- c. Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

New, under-employed frequent food bank patrons would likely not receive case management and other support services. A portion of food bank clients are on the verge of homelessness and are not eligible for services through traditional means. These clients would could fall into homelessness.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

This legislation lifts a proviso on Finance General Reserves and increases the appropriation for the Human Services Department to spend the reserved funds.

- b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No public hearing is required for this legislation.

- c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?

No property is involved with this legislation.

- d. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No publication of notice is required for this legislation.

- e. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

This legislation does not impact any property.

f. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?

People with low income live everywhere in Seattle but are concentrated in the southeast, central and south, in and around the University of Washington, and in the Lake City and Northgate areas, where food banks and the proposed social service navigators will be located. Poverty is directly correlated with food insecurity. Food banks serve people at or below 200% of the federal poverty level, and this legislation will fund social service navigators to reach historically disadvantaged and vulnerable communities in Seattle who experience the following disparities.

- Blacks and Latinos are more likely to experience food insecurity than Whites
- 94,930 Seattle residents are Black or Latino
- 49,700 Seattle residents who are Black or Latino and at or below 200% of the federal poverty level
- 40% of Latinos have income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level
- 55% of African Americans have income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level
- Other races or ethnicities may experience food insecurity, as well.
- 43% of Native Americans have income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level
- 30% of Asians have income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level

g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s).

Unique to community connections is the direct access to clients in low barrier food bank environments. Location-based services will allow for immediate information and referrals for housing, job readiness, Apple Health, nutrition, child care, utility discount and others. It also allows for follow-up with participants who return for regular food bank visits. This service strategy has the potential to align with other navigator, advocate, family resource and senior centers and direct community services.

In HSD's 2014 Food and Meals Request for Proposal (RFP) community engagement process, community members highlighted the need for additional funding to enhance the current emergency food system. Specifically, community members and current staff requested more dual-language capacity and community education at food and meal programs. Staffing connectors at food banks would meet this capacity-building need.

To align services, HSD will ensure that new contracts are monitored by YFE Grants and Contracts Specialists holding other food contracts. Food bank connectors will be networked with other HSD-funded providers through monthly and ad-hoc meetings. HSD YFE will ensure that social service connectors are culturally competent, have language capabilities and are reflective of food bank participants' cultures.

HSD YFE will work to develop effective and realistic performance measures which will be communicated with food banks and connectors from inception. At minimum, HSD will collect the total number of referrals as well as per household referrals made by connectors. The first 18 months will be conducted as a pilot period with HSD providing intensive technical support on data collection. Regular meetings will be convened to track progress and make immediate course corrections.

HSD will develop the evaluation metrics and data collection system with input from agencies. Evaluation of these services will mirror existing HSD performance evaluation built on the Results Based Accountability framework of setting quantity, quality, and impact measures embedded within provider contracts. Data consolidation, analysis and reporting will be led by HSD YFE with consultation from the HSD data team. The process will be clearly outlined in each agency contract. Early data collection may be used to inform the 2018 Food and Meals RFP.

h. Other Issues:

- None

List attachments/exhibits below:

Attachment 1 - Response to Green Sheet 265-1-B-2