



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 5641
December 3, 2019
Consent Calendar**

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 5641: Acceptance of MIYFS Foundation funds for 2020 Youth and Family Services staffing.	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed:
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Accept funds from Mercer Island Youth and Family Services Foundation to fund 0.5 FTE of the Geriatric Specialist for 2020 in the YFS Department.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

DEPARTMENT:	Youth and Family Services
STAFF:	Derek J. Franklin, Senior Programs Manager and Clinical Supervisor
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Donation of funds letter from MIYFS Foundation President Jody Kris
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	1. Implement a Fiscal Sustainability Plan

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ 54,624
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ 0
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ 54,624

SUMMARY

BACKGROUND

As part of the 2019-2020 biennial budget process, the City Manager proposed service reductions to balance the budget. Several reductions were made in the Youth and Family Services Department, including the reduction of the full time Geriatric Specialist to half time (0.50 FTE).

In late November 2018, the Mercer Island Youth and Family Services Foundation (“Foundation”) sent a letter to the City pledging to donate funds to restore the Geriatric Specialist to a full-time position in 2019. At that time the Foundation also voted to continue funding the position to its original full-time status for 2020, if the City did not find funds to replace this reduction.

FOUNDATION DONATION

The Foundation provides funding to support the Department of Youth and Family Services (YFS) programs and services. This funding is provided in two forms:

1. An annual commitment towards YFS’ operating budget; and
2. One-time or pilot project funds as Foundation reserves allow.

The current proposed donation of \$54,624 to the YFS Department (see Exhibit 1) falls in the latter category (2), as one-time funds to maintain the full time Geriatric Specialist:

- **0.5 FTE Geriatric Specialist (\$54,624), January 1 through December 31, 2020**
Mercer Island has a robust senior population and the need for services remains high. This funding from the Foundation will maintain services at the current level.

RECOMMENDATION

Accept a donation of \$54,624 from the Mercer Island Youth and Family Services Foundation to fund the half time reduction in the Geriatric Specialist position from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.