



City of Detroit

COUNCILMAN SCOTT R. BENSON

MEMORANDUM

TO: Denise Fair Razzo, Director, Health Department

FROM: Hon. Scott Benson, City Council District 3

CC: Hon. Gabriela Santiago Romero, Chair, Public Health & Safety
Standing Committee
Hon. Janice Winfrey, City Clerk
David Whitaker, Director, Legislative
Policy Division
Jay Rising, CFO
Anthony Zander, Director, CRIO
Malik Washington, Mayor's Liaison

VIA: Hon. Council President Mary Sheffield

DATE: 14 February 2024

RE: YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE PROGRAM INVESTMENT

As per the memo dtd. 23 January 2024, from the CFO, section 20-6-47(b) of the Adult Use Marijuana ordinance mandates:

(b) Subject to the annual budget approval process, the City's annual budget will contain an appropriation, equal to two percent (2%) of the gross allocation received by the City of Detroit in the previous fiscal year pursuant to MCL 333.27964, to the Detroit Health Department for substance use prevention programming for youth.

The estimate for FY 24-25 is approximately \$40,000.

During a phone conversation from March 2022, the Health Department indicated that it would send these funds to the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN), as they have youth substance use prevention programs. Is this still the case, or is the City prepared to keep these funds in house to support youth substance use prevention? Please specify how the Detroit Health Department plans to expend the funds from this source.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact my office at 313-224-1198.

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