

2020 Seattle City Council Budget Action

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Budget Action Title: Impose a proviso on the Strategic Investment Fund in Finance General

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

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Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	BH	KS	AP	DJ	MO	SB	TM	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Budget Action Description:

Background:

The 2020 Proposed Budget adds \$41.7 million GF (one-time) from Mercer Sales Proceeds to Finance General to create a Strategic Investment Fund. Investment of these funds are intended to achieve multiple community benefits through development of mixed-use and mixed-income projects that include housing, affordable commercial and cultural space, public open space, and childcare.

An interdisciplinary team including relevant city departments (Office of Housing, Office of Planning and Community Development, Office of Economic Development, Department of Neighborhoods, and the City Budget Office) and community partners experienced in community organizing and development will establish criteria and principles regarding use of these funds. This team will assist with identifying potential priority acquisitions utilizing available funds. The criteria used for expenditure of the Strategic Investment Fund will be similar to the criteria utilized by the Equitable Development Initiative (EDI), including the following:

- prioritize sites located in communities at risk of displacement;
- select sites that are identified by the community and will address the wholistic needs of the community, including but not limited to housing, affordable commercial space, child care, etc.; and
- address race and social justice outcomes, such as women, minority and business enterprise (WMBE), local hiring, and apprenticeship utilization goals, and accessibility requirements.

A proposed spending plan for the use of these funds will be developed and submitted to the City Council for approval. The criteria used to develop the spending plan should be submitted with the proposed spending plan. The Executive anticipates submitting the spending plan to the City Council in the first or

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This Council Budget Action imposes the following proviso on the Strategic Investment Fund in Finance General:

"None of the money appropriated in the 2020 budget for the Finance General Reserve Strategic Investment Fund may be spent until authorized by future ordinance. Council anticipates that such authority will not be granted until the Executive submits a proposed spending plan for this Fund."