

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

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1. BILL SUMMARY

- a. **Legislation Title:** AN ORDINANCE relating to King County Conservation Futures Levy proceeds; authorizing the Mayor to amend the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between The City of Seattle and King County authorized by City of Seattle Ordinance 114978 to allow for the acceptance of Conservation Futures Levy funds without City Council approval; and authorizing the use of a new amendment template for future amendments to that Agreement.
- b. **Summary and background of the Legislation:**
The proposed ordinance will significantly streamline the Conservation Futures Levy (CFL) Interlocal Agreement (ILA) amendment process. This streamlined process will allow faster reimbursement for Seattle’s CFL projects that have been awarded funding by the King County Council.

Conservation Futures funding is used to match City funding for the acquisition of parks and open space. Examples of past CFL projects include Delridge open space, East Duwamish Greenspace, and Duwamish Waterway Park. The typical process for CFL reimbursement has been:

1. March: Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) applies for CFL funding.
2. May: King County Citizens Oversight committee makes recommendations about funding.
3. November: King County Council approves awards to cities in its annual budget appropriation.
4. March/May: King County Council passes legislation authorizing the King County executive to enter an ILA with Seattle regarding reimbursement of CFL awards.
5. December/January: Seattle passes legislation authorizing Seattle Mayor to enter an ILA with King County regarding reimbursement of CFL awards.
6. March/April: Seattle Mayor and King County Executive sign agreement
7. May – TBD: DPR requests reimbursement for completed projects

Since the County Council approves awards to cities in its annual budget appropriation, King County recently passed Ordinance 18827 allowing the King County Executive to amend the ILA for fund allocation without seeking secondary County Council approval (Step 4 above); this change was intended to eliminate the duplicative legislative burden and allow the County to be able to reimburse the awarded funds to cities more quickly.

The proposed ordinance will similarly allow the Mayor to accept CFL awards through an amendment to the ILA without seeking secondary City Council approval (Step 5 above). The City Council already reviews and approves acquisition legislation before a project

awarded CFL funding can be spent for park and open space acquisition.
The proposed ordinance also authorizes a new amendment template to be used for future amendments.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?
No.
- b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation? No.
- c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant? No.
- d. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation? No.
- e. Does this legislation affect a piece of property? No
- 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? Conservation Futures funding is used to match City funding for the acquisition of parks and open space. One of the priorities for the use of these funds is the acquisition of property in areas of the city lacking parks and open space, which tend to be high-density, low-income areas.
- 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)? N/A
- h. Other Issues: None.

List attachments/exhibits below: