

2021 Seattle City Council Budget Action

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Budget Action Title: Add \$132,000 GF to OSE for the Green New Deal Advisor position

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

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Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2021 Increase (Decrease)	2022 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$132,000	
Net Balance Effect	\$(132,000)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(132,000)	

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action would add \$132,000 GF to the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) to support the Green New Deal Advisor position (1.0 FTE Strategic Advisor 1). In September 2019, the Council passed Ordinance (ORD) 125926, establishing the Green New Deal Oversight Board (Board) and creating an interdepartmental team to implement climate actions. In addition to providing administrative support to the Board, this position is responsible for coordinating the City's internal strategy to reduce climate pollutants, helping to achieve the goals identified in the Green New Deal for Seattle (Resolution 31895), adopted in August 2019. The Council added this position and funding in the 2020 Adopted Budget, but it was not filled due to the hiring freeze implemented in March 2020 in response to the economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2021 Proposed Budget would eliminate funding for the position, but retains \$40,000 GF that may be used for financial hardship stipends for Board members.

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Hiring the Green New Deal Advisor would allow appointments to move forward for the Board, which is intended to provide the Council and Mayor with recommendations for how to implement the actions identified in the Green New Deal for Seattle, which are intended to accelerate the transition away from fossil fuels to renewable energy while centering communities that have historically been most harmed by racial, economic, and environmental injustices. Further, the Board is also expected to provide recommendations on how to allocate the portion of new payroll expense tax revenues (9 percent or an estimated \$20 million) intended for Green New Deal investments in 2022.

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Add GF support for Green New Deal Advisor (1.0 FTE Strategic Advisor 1) FICA		0	0	OSE - SE000	OSE - BO-SE-X1000 - Office of Sustainability and Environment	00100 - General Fund	2021	\$0	\$6,600
2	Add GF support for Green New Deal Advisor (1.0 FTE Strategic Advisor 1) Medicare		0	0	OSE - SE000	OSE - BO-SE-X1000 - Office of Sustainability and Environment	00100 - General Fund	2021	\$0	\$1,550
3	Add GF support for Green New Deal Advisor (1.0 FTE Strategic Advisor 1) pension		0	0	OSE - SE000	OSE - BO-SE-X1000 - Office of Sustainability and Environment	00100 - General Fund	2021	\$0	\$17,650
4	Add GF support for Green New Deal Advisor (1.0 FTE Strategic Advisor 1) salary		0	0	OSE - SE000	OSE - BO-SE-X1000 - Office of Sustainability and Environment	00100 - General Fund	2021	\$0	\$106,200