

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 126490, which adopted the 2022 Budget; changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget; in order to advance the Seattle Green New Deal by funding actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, funding climate-resilient community spaces, and investing in net-zero affordable housing; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Summary and background of the Legislation: This legislation appropriates funding to City Departments that was set aside in Finance General for a 2022 Green New Deal Opportunity Fund. The 2022 Adopted Budget includes approximately \$6.5 million in the Opportunity Fund to support these the Seattle Green New Deal.

The Green New Deal Oversight Board released its recommendations for the use of these funds on June 3, 2022. This legislation is informed by the Board's recommendations as well as the priorities of the Green New Deal City Team. Funding is being provided to the following departments for the following priorities:

- Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) will receive \$610,341 for the Municipal Energy Efficiency Program. This funding will support decarbonizing municipal facilities, with a particular focus on facilities used by the public.
- The Office of Housing will receive \$2,000,000 for engineering analyses and capital costs required to convert affordable housing projects currently in development to fully electrified cooking and climate control systems.
- The Office of Planning and Community Development will receive \$1,350,000 for resiliency projects associated with the Duwamish Valley Program and the Duwamish Valley Action Plan.
- The Office of Sustainability and Environment will receive \$806,198. \$430,000 will support resilience hub planning and community engagement, funding that will cover temporary staffing, consultant contracts, and citywide coordination. \$276,198 will fund a partnership to develop cumulative community health and resilience indicators that can inform climate and resiliency planning in City and City-funded programming. \$100,000 will support community engagement in partnership with the Green New Deal Oversight Board to inform the climate element of the Comprehensive Plan Update.

- The Seattle Department of Transportation will receive \$25,000 to help support cross-departmental efforts with Seattle City Light and the Office of Sustainability and Environment around Transportation Electrification Planning. Specifically, this funding will support the collection of transportation energy and activity data that can be used to track departmental and citywide climate goals. This funding will supplement funding provided in the 2022 Adopted Budget and funding from Seattle City Light.
- The Seattle Public Library will receive \$1,700,000 to fund electrification, heating, cooling, and air quality upgrades at both the Northeast and Southwest Branches of the Seattle Public Library. This item allows completion of projects initially funded by a Council Budget Action in the 2022 Adopted. These original General Fund amounts were made unavailable by weaker-than-expected General Fund collections.

Appropriations in the 2022 Adopted Budget are modified to allocate reserves in the Finance General Department to Departments listed above. The reserve in Finance General is \$6,491,539.00.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? X Yes ___ No

Please see the bill text for BCL and Fund information. Descriptions for each item are above.

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?
No.

Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?
No.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?
Yes, this legislation increases appropriations in City departments to carry out the recommendations of the Green New Deal City Team and the Green New Deal Oversight Board.

b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

c. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No.

d. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No.

e. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?

This legislation aims to reduce the City of Seattle's greenhouse gas emissions and funds and plans resiliency projects that directly target BIPOC and historically disadvantage communities. Regions of Seattle that are disproportionately communities of color or less economically advantaged experience lower air quality, higher temperatures, and are at higher risk of climate-related adverse events, such as flooding. Investments in decarbonized facilities and resilience hubs will produce relatively greater benefits to these frontline, RSJI-focus communities.

f. Climate Change Implications

1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?

This legislation will decrease carbon emissions by providing funding for decarbonizing several municipal buildings including two Seattle Public Library branches and allowing the Office of Housing to fund engineering and design work to ensure that affordable housing developments currently in development are fully electric.

2. Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle's resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.

This legislation will increase Seattle's resiliency to climate change in a material way. This bill provides funding for resilience hubs, decarbonized neighborhood centers that can provide shelter during extreme weather events and help improve community well-being, health, and safety. Funding in this legislation will support pilot resilience hub projects being spearheaded by the Duwamish Valley Program, and will provide funding for resilience hub planning and community engagement.

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)?

As a package, these investments are intended to help Seattle address the climate crisis with capital investments to reduce carbon emissions, as well as build capacity to respond to climate change. It builds capacity by: developing appropriate health indicators; providing resources for planning, pilot projects, and community engagement around resilience hubs;

and providing funding for community engagement around updating Seattle's Comprehensive Plan.

List attachments/exhibits below:

Summary Exhibit 1 - Green New Deal Oversight Board 2022 and 2023 Budget
Recommendations