

Conservation Futures Tax Program

Amendment to Interlocal Agreement

City Council Public Assets and Homelessness Committee

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Seattle Parks and Recreation



City of Seattle

Overview: Proposed Legislation

This legislation amends the interlocal agreement between the City of Seattle and King County, authorizing acceptance of up to \$12,025,000 from the King County Conservation Futures Tax (CFT) for the purchase of open space properties in Seattle.



Alice Ball Park, in Greenwood, partially acquired with CFT funding

Overview: CFT Interlocal Agreement

- The Conservation Futures Tax (CFT) Interlocal is the agreement between King County and the City regarding CFT awards to the City.
- Following King County Council approval of CFT awards to the City, the City Council approves an amendment to the Interlocal authorizing acceptance.
- This proposed legislation is the first amendment to a new interlocal agreement approved in 2021 (Ordinance 126477).



Background: Conservation Futures Tax Funding

The Conservation Futures Tax Program (CFT) is a countywide property tax levy (allowed by state statute) to protect forests, farms, passive outdoor recreational areas, and open space.

- Funding restricts uses (no active recreation such as OLAs and sportsfields/courts) and limits impervious surface to 15%

Since 1990, CFT has leveraged the City's land acquisition programs, including:

- King County Open Space and Trails Bond Program, 2000 Pro Parks Levy, 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy, Seattle Park District

Since 1989, approximately \$98 million in CFT grants supported 200+ acquisitions with approximately 150+ acres acquired.



Amendment 1 Summary: Up to \$12,025,000

Council District	Project Name (Project Number)	Allocation	Status
2021 Reallocation			
1	Longfellow Creek Addition (Project #1129235)	\$500,000	Complete
5	Thornton Creek: North Branch (Project #1134923/Award #1136982)	\$100,000	Complete
2	Turner-Koepf House & Garden (Project #1141195)	\$209,417	Complete
2	Turner-Koepf House & Garden (Project #1137238/Award #1138985)	\$190,583	Complete
2022 Allocation			
1	Duwamish River Shoreline <u>Acq</u> : Unity Electric (Project #1136849)	\$2,500,000	Complete
2	East Duwamish Greenbelt: Brick Pits (Project #1138972)	\$2,000,000	In Process
2	North Rainier Park Charlestown Addition (Project #1141618)	\$1,500,000	Complete
2	North Rainier Town Center Park (Project #1126739)	\$1,000,000	In Process
2022 Reallocation			
1	Longfellow Creek Addition (Project #1129235)	\$314,840	In Process
1	Longfellow Creek Addition (Project #1134923/Award #1143300)	\$85,160	In Process
2	North Rainier Park Charlestown Addition (Project #1139013/Award #1143305)	\$500,000	Complete
2023 Allocation			
5	Bitter Lake Playfield Addition (Project #1141757/Award #1143659)	\$2,400,000	In Process
2	<u>Cheasty</u> Greenspace - Mt. Baker (Project #1143685)	\$500,000	In Process
1	Taylor Creek Headwaters (Project #1143688)	\$100,000	In Process
5	Willow Creek Natural Area (Project #1143689)	\$125,000	In Process
TOTAL		\$12,025,000	



Questions?

