

2020 Seattle City Council Budget Action

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Budget Action Title: Add \$100,000 GF (one-time) to OED to conduct an analysis of regional employment dependent on fossil fuels

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: No

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									

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2020 Increase (Decrease)	2021 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$100,000	
Net Balance Effect	\$(100,000)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(100,000)	

Budget Action Description:

This Budget Action adds \$100,000 GF (one-time) to the Office of Economic Development (OED) for a consultant study of employment dependent on fossil fuels in the Seattle metropolitan area. The Green New Deal for Seattle (Resolution 31895), adopted by Council in August 2019, established a goal of making Seattle climate pollution-free by 2030, and committed the City to ensuring a just transition for workers whose jobs currently depend on the fossil fuel industry. However, the City lacks data on how many jobs in the region currently depend on the fossil fuel industry, and it is not clear what resources or actions will be required to achieve a just transition.

The goals of the study are to: (1) understand the potential impact to workers as the City acts to reduce reliance on fossil fuels; (2) analyze where job growth is anticipated in clean energy and related industries; and (3) identify strategies for supporting small businesses and their workers as the City

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transitions away from fossil fuels. This study should include, but not be limited to:

1. An analysis of jobs and wages of those directly employed by the fossil fuel industry as well as related industries, such as pipefitters, natural gas appliance businesses, and auto mechanics;
2. A forecast of regional job growth in clean energy and related industries;
3. Interviews and/or focus groups with key stakeholders, including labor unions, workforce training providers, and small business owners; and
4. Recommendations for strategies that the City and its partners can implement to: (a) ensure a just transition for workers, with a particular focus on how to equip workers with the necessary skills to move from jobs reliant on fossil fuels to jobs in the clean energy sector; (b) accelerate and expand job growth in the clean energy sector, if necessary; and (c) ensure that jobs created are family-wage jobs.

The report should be presented to the Sustainability and Transportation Committee, or successor committee, and submitted to the Council Central Staff Executive Director and the Green New Deal Oversight Board by June 30, 2020.

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Increase GF support to fund fossil fuel employment study		0	0	OED - ED000	OED - BO-ED-X1D00 - Business Services	00100 - General Fund	2020	\$0	\$100,000