FIFA World Cup: 2025 Investments

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FIFA World Cup 2026

- FIFA World Cup 26 will take place between June 11 to July 19 next summer.
- Seattle hosting six matches between June 15 and July 6.
- Projected to be the largest ever World Cup and the biggest event hosted in Seattle history.
- Lumen Field and Seattle Center will host hundreds of thousands of fans over the four-week period.
- Capital infrastructure and public safety improvements and staff planning resources are required to host such a large-scale event.



2025 Budget Appropriations

Council dedicated \$12.2 million for World Cup investments in the 2025-26 Budget. Today's revenue-neutral action moves \$6.2 million of those dollars from reserves to operating departments.

- 2025-26 Budgets included
 - \$2.0 million of operating funds in 2025 (PET)
 - \$4.0 million of operating funds in 2026 (PET)
 - \$6.2 million of capital funds for work in 2025-26
- This legislation includes:
 - \$1.8 million of operating appropriations
 - \$4.4 million from capital funds
- Remaining allocated resources:
 - \$200K of 2025 operating reserves
 - \$4.0 million of 2026 operating reserves
 - \$1.8 million of capital reserves



2025 Appropriations by Department: \$6.2M

| Department – Operating Investments | Amount | Summary |
|---|-------------|---|
| Seattle Fire Department | \$904,000 | Weapon detection and identification equipment; enhanced communication to provide increased emergency medical services |
| Seattle Center | \$896,000 | Operations in booking/sales, program coordination, grounds/ building laborer crews, event implementation; through 12/31/26 |
| Operating Total | \$1,800,000 | |

| Department - Capital Investments | Amount | Summary |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|---|
| Seattle Department of Transportation | \$2,420,000 | Improvements to signage, signals and streets near Lumen Field |
| Seattle Parks & Recreation | \$1,080,000 | Vehicle ramming mitigation measures, electrical upgrades near stadium |
| Seattle Center | \$914,000 | Vehicle ramming mitigation measures |
| Capital Total | \$4,414,000 | |



Questions?

