

July 17, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: Finance, Native Communities & Tribal Governments Committee
From: Edin Sisic, Analyst
Subject: Council Bill 120813 – 2024 Mid-Year Grant Acceptance & Appropriation Ordinance

On July 17, 2024, the Finance, Native Communities & Tribal Governments Committee will discuss [Council Bill \(CB\) 120813](#), which would provide authority for select City departments to accept and appropriate the expenditure of specified grant revenues from non-City sources.

This memo summarizes CB 120813 and describes the next steps in the context of the budget adjustment process for 2024.

CB 120812 Summary

CB 120813 is the second comprehensive grant acceptance and appropriation legislation transmitted by the Executive in 2024, authorizing City departments to accept a total of \$73.7 million and appropriate \$53.5 million from external funding sources. *Table 1 (2024 Mid-year Grant Acceptances and Appropriations by Department and Grant Source)* on page two shows, by department, the total award and appropriation amount from each granting agency.

Table 1. 2024 Mid-year Grant Acceptances and Appropriations by Department and Grant Source

Department & Grant Source	Accepted Amount	Appropriated Amount	Match Amount
Department of Finance and Administrative Services			
Washington Department of Commerce	\$720,000	\$720,000	
Department of Neighborhoods			
4CULTURE	\$11,550	\$11,550	
Executive (Community Assisted Response and Engagement)			
Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance	\$1,926,000	\$1,926,000	
Executive (Office of Emergency Management)			
Public Health Seattle King County Emergency Medical Services	\$28,241	\$28,241	
Washington Military Department	\$32,067	\$32,067	\$14,052
Executive (Office of Emergency Management) Subtotal	\$60,308	\$60,308	\$14,052
Executive (Office of Housing)			
Puget Sound Energy	\$3,067,548	\$3,067,548	
Washington Department of Commerce	\$6,397,962	\$6,397,962	
Washington Department of Ecology	\$750,000	\$750,000	
Executive (Office of Housing) Subtotal	\$10,215,510	\$10,215,510	
Executive (Office of Sustainability and Environment)			
Washington Department of Commerce	\$3,181,094	\$3,181,094	

Seattle Center			
Washington Department of Commerce	\$262,500	\$262,500	\$87,500
Seattle City Light			
United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Services	\$4,125,000	\$4,125,000	\$1,375,000
United States Department of Energy	\$552,000	\$552,000	\$433,772
United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency	\$209,950	\$209,950	\$11,050
United States Department of Interior, National Park Service	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Washington Department of Commerce	\$19,483,507	\$19,483,507	\$657,000
Washington Department of Ecology	\$1,294,000	\$1,294,000	\$642,000
Washington Historical Society	\$1,477,310	\$1,477,310	\$3,293,490
Washington Military Department	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Seattle City Light Subtotal	\$27,644,767	\$27,644,767	\$6,915,312
Seattle Department of Transportation			
Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit)	\$335,000	\$335,000	
Comcast	\$12,000	\$12,000	
Federal Highway Administration	\$18,700,000	\$200,000	
Federal Transit Administration	\$2,348,037	\$658,798	\$469,607
King County Metro	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	
Pony Bar	\$14,825	\$14,825	
Port of Seattle	\$337,000	\$337,000	
Washington Department of Transportation	\$500,000	\$500,000	
Seattle Department of Transportation Subtotal	\$23,446,862	\$3,257,623	\$469,607
Seattle Fire Department			
King County Sheriff's Office	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Washington Department of Transportation	\$76,900	\$76,900	
Washington Homeland Security	\$150,143	\$150,143	
Seattle Fire Department Subtotal	\$232,043	\$232,043	
Seattle Information Technology Department			
Workforce Development Council of Seattle King-County	\$40,000	\$40,000	
Seattle Municipal Court			
Washington Administrative Office of the Court	\$327,779	\$327,779	
Seattle Parks and Recreation			
King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks	\$284,807	\$284,807	
Seattle Foundation	\$90,000	\$90,000	
Seattle Parks Foundation and Friends of Arboretum Creek	\$114,800	\$114,800	
Seattle School District No. 1	\$500,000	\$500,000	
Washington Department of Commerce	\$250,000	\$250,000	
Washington Recreation and Conservation Office	\$3,650,000	\$3,650,000	\$11,279,000
Washington Transportation Improvement Board	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000
Seattle Parks and Recreation Subtotal	\$5,089,607	\$5,089,607	\$11,679,000
Seattle Public Utilities			
Washington State Military Department	\$504,402	\$504,402	
Grand Total	\$73,662,422	\$53,473,183	\$19,165,471

Of the total acceptance amount in *Table 1*, approximately one quarter (\$18.7 million) is funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for SDOT's Capital Improvement Programs. The proposed FHWA grant would fund the paving, curb ramp installation, and crossing improvements for Roosevelt Way and East Marginal Way South projects. Another 25 percent (\$19.5 million) is funding from the Washington Department of Commerce to provide low to moderate income residential electric utility customers with a one-time \$200 bill credit.

Other noteworthy grant backed items include:

- \$5.4 million from the Washington Department of Commerce to facilitate the development of affordable housing construction by covering the upfront costs of infrastructure and connecting housing to municipal systems. This item will support four multifamily capital projects (Bridge St. Luke's, Community Roots Housing Youth Care, Mt. Baker Housing Association Via 7, and Chief Seattle Club Sacred Medicine House) and one homeownership capital project (Columbia City Condos).
- \$3.1 million from Puget Sound Energy to implement decarbonization work in low-income homes, contributing to household cost savings and the City's goal of carbon neutrality.
- \$2.3 million from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to further evaluate and develop conceptual design and transit alternatives to enhance access to transit for equity populations along the Aurora transit corridor. This grant has a 20 percent match requirement, which SDOT has in its 2024 Adopted Budget.
- 1.9 million from the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance (Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)) to provide one-time support for the CARE Department crisis response team. In combination with other funding, this grant would fund initial costs associated with the addition of nine additional full-time Community Crisis Responder 1's, nine full-time Community Crisis Responder 2's, and three full-time Community Crisis Responder Supervisors. This proposed program expansion is discussed in the 2024 Mid-Year Supplemental Memo (pg. 9). JAG is a primary source of federal funding to state and local jurisdictions supporting a range of criminal legal system improvement and community advancement programs. JAG funds are intended to assist states, tribes and local jurisdictions in leveraging additional dollars from other funding sources to support and maximize statewide efforts.
- \$3.7 million in reimbursable grants from Washington Recreation and Conservation Office to Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) for various capital improvements including:
 - \$2.3 million to replace Carkeek Park's existing pedestrian bridge
 - \$1 million to add transient moorage to South Leschi Marina
 - \$350,000 to renovate Colman Pool located in Lincoln Park
- \$750,000 from WA Department of Ecology to support environmental cleanup of the former site of the University of Washington's Laundry facility in the Mount Baker Neighborhood. This grant will help prepare this site for development of affordable housing, community open space, child-care, and early learning research facility.

These and all other grants that would be accepted in the bill are described in Attachment A to the summary and fiscal note submitted by the Executive. It is worth noting that, consistent with past practice, and given that spending of external grant awards can cross fiscal years, the appropriations made in CB 120813 are non-lapsing, meaning the authority to spend these amounts will persist until funds are fully expended or the appropriations are abandoned through a future Council action.

Next Steps

If the committee votes to make a recommendation on CB 120813 at the August 7, 2024, Finance & Housing Committee meeting, the legislation will be considered for final action at the August 13, 2024, City Council meeting.

Future 2024 budget adjustments will include the year-end comprehensive supplemental adjustment and grant acceptance and appropriation bills, anticipated to be submitted as budget legislation with the Mayor's 2025-2026 Proposed Budget in late September, and any other stand-alone supplemental bills necessary to address unforeseen circumstances, consistent with [RCW 35.32A.060](#).

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