

2021 Seattle City Council Budget Action

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Budget Action Title: Add \$150,000 GF and 1.0 FTE Senior Planning and Development Specialist to OSE for Energy Benchmarking and Building Tune-Ups

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

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Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	TM	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2021 Increase (Decrease)	2022 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$150,000	
Net Balance Effect	\$(150,000)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(150,000)	

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action adds \$150,000 GF and 1.0 FTE Senior Planning and Development Specialist to the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) to support compliance and enforcement activities for the Energy Benchmarking and Building Tune-Ups programs. Funding for these activities would mostly be eliminated in the 2021 Proposed Budget, though it retains \$45,000 GF for a contract to provide limited technical assistance to building owners/operators.

The Energy Benchmarking program (Ordinance (ORD) 123226, adopted January 2010, and ORD 123993, adopted September 2012) requires building owners of multifamily and commercial properties 20,000 square feet or larger, excluding those used primarily for industrial manufacturing purposes, to annually track and report building energy efficiency performance. The Building Tune-Ups program (ORD 125002, adopted March 2016) requires building owners of commercial facilities 50,000 square feet or

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larger that are subject to the Energy Benchmarking program to conduct tune-ups to identify and correct operational and maintenance deficiencies every five years. On average, these measures can reduce building energy use by 10 to 15 percent.

This funding will maintain the compliance and enforcement activities for both programs and support a staff member to provide technical assistance to building owners and review submissions for the Building Tune-Ups program. OSE anticipates that fines from the Energy Benchmarking and Building Tune-Ups programs could generate up to \$140,000 GF in revenues, of which approximately \$110,000 GF would be used to improve energy efficiency in affordable housing facilities.

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Add GF support for 1.0 FTE Senior Planning and Development Specialist FICA for Building Tune-Ups		0	0	OSE - SE000	OSE - BO-SE-X1000 - Office of Sustainability and Environment	00100 - General Fund	2021	\$0	\$5,000
2	Add GF support for 1.0 FTE Senior Planning and Development Specialist Medicare for Building Tune-Ups		0	0	OSE - SE000	OSE - BO-SE-X1000 - Office of Sustainability and Environment	00100 - General Fund	2021	\$0	\$1,200
3	Add GF support for 1.0 FTE Senior Planning and Development Specialist pension for Building Tune-Ups		0	0	OSE - SE000	OSE - BO-SE-X1000 - Office of Sustainability and Environment	00100 - General Fund	2021	\$0	\$13,300
4	Add GF support for 1.0 FTE Senior Planning and Development Specialist salary for Building Tune-Ups		0	0	OSE - SE000	OSE - BO-SE-X1000 - Office of Sustainability and Environment	00100 - General Fund	2021	\$0	\$80,300
5	Add GF support for Energy Benchmarking and Building Tune-Ups professional services		0	0	OSE - SE000	OSE - BO-SE-X1000 - Office of Sustainability and Environment	00100 - General Fund	2021	\$0	\$50,200
6	Pocket Adjustments	Plng&Dev Spec,Sr	0	0	OSE - SE000	OSE - BO-SE-X1000 - Office of Sustainability and Environment	00100 - General Fund	2021	\$0	\$0