

# 2021 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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OSE	005	B	001

**Budget Action Title:** Add \$1.8 million to OSE for the Fresh Bucks program

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Dan Strauss

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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)
<b>General Fund</b>		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$1,300,000	
<b>Net Balance Effect</b>	<b>\$(1,300,000)</b>	
<b>Other Funds</b>		
<b>Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund (00155)</b>		
Revenues	\$0	
Expenditures	\$500,000	
<b>Net Balance Effect</b>	<b>\$(500,000)</b>	
<b>Total Budget Balance Effect</b>	<b>\$(1,800,000)</b>	

## Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action adds \$1.8 million to the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) for the Fresh Bucks program, which provides eligible residents with vouchers worth \$480 annually (\$40 per month) to purchase fruits and vegetables at participating Seattle farmers markets, neighborhood grocers, and Safeway stores. The amount is comprised of \$1.3 million GF and \$500,000 of Sweetened Beverage Tax (SBT) proceeds.

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This funding allows OSE to provide vouchers to all 3,364 people on the waitlist for the current benefit period plus another 236 people, for a total of 3,600 additional participants that will receive benefits from January to December 2021. OSE is currently serving over 9,000 participants, who began the Fresh Bucks program in June 2020 and will receive an extended benefit until December 2021 (benefit period would normally end in May 2021) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2021 Proposed Budget would fund the Fresh Bucks program with nearly \$5.3 million, comprised primarily of SBT revenues, with a small amount of GF support and funding directly provided by the State for the SNAP match program.

## Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Add GF support for Fresh Bucks		0	0	OSE - SE000	OSE - BO-SE-X1000 - Office of Sustainability and Environment	00100 - General Fund	2021	\$0	\$1,300,000
2	Add SBT support for Fresh Bucks		0	0	OSE - SE000	OSE - BO-SE-X1000 - Office of Sustainability and Environment	00155 - Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund	2021	\$0	\$500,000