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2026 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

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OSE-001-A

Increase OSE by \$75,000 GF for Georgetown Neighborhood Center Planning to Support Climate Resilience

SPONSORS

Rob Saka, Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Sara Nelson

BALANCING SUMMARY

Fund	2026 Increase (Decrease)	2027 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	\$(75,000)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(75,000)	

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would increase proposed appropriations to the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) by \$75,000 in 2026 (one-time) to support planning for a neighborhood center in Georgetown as part of Georgetown's climate resilience strategies.

In 2024, OSE partnered with MAKERS architecture and urban design, Environmental Works, and Georgetown community members to develop a building design program for a new, community-owned and operated neighborhood center in Georgetown. Additional funding is proposed in 2026 to follow up on design and community engagement for the project. Approximately \$60,000 would fund a consultant for this work, and \$15,000 is anticipated to fund outreach.

OSE leads Seattle's Duwamish Valley Program (DVP) - an interdisciplinary, collaborative effort in partnership with 18 other departments to advance the City's environmental justice goals, and promote equitable development in the Duwamish Valley, with an emphasis in South Park and Georgetown. The 2026 Proposed Budget includes \$1.35 million in ongoing baseline for this work in OSE, and includes youth leadership development, small business supports, tree planting, and green stormwater infrastructure.

ATTACHMENT: No

TRANSACTIONS - ONE-TIME

Dept	BSL	BCL	Year	Revenue	Expenditure
OSE	Office of Sustainability and Environment	00100-BO-SE-X1000	2026		\$75,000

2026 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

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OSE-002-A

Increase OSE by \$200,000 GF to support farmers markets in food deserts, and impose a proviso

SPONSORS

Rob Saka, Mark Solomon, Joy Hollingsworth

BALANCING SUMMARY

Fund	2026 Increase (Decrease)	2027 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	\$(200,000)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(200,000)	

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would increase proposed appropriations to the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) by \$200,000 in 2026 to provide support to farmers markets in neighborhoods with food deserts, which may include but not be limited to: Georgetown, Delridge, Beacon Hill, Highland Park, South Park, Sand Point, and Rainier Beach.

OSE's 2026 Proposed Budget includes one-time funding of \$127,000 for the Seattle Neighborhood Farmers Markets to expand the Lake City Farmers Market by 15 weeks through December and shift market hours from Thursday evenings to Saturday mornings. Additional funding for the Lake City Farmers Market is being held in reserve, with a total commitment of \$317,000 over three years.

In 2025, OSE contracted with the Georgetown Merchants Association for \$50,000 to support neighborhood activation, including a community event series and a pilot Georgetown seasonal farmers market. In 2024, African Community Housing Development received an award of \$100,000 from the Department of Neighborhoods' Food Equity Fund to expand the Delridge Farmer's Market to a new, larger location for the market's fifth anniversary season in 2025.

This CBA would impose the following proviso:

"Of the appropriation in the 2026 budget for the Office of Sustainability and Environment, \$200,000 is appropriated solely for supporting farmers markets in neighborhoods with food deserts, and may be spent for no other purpose."

ATTACHMENT: No

TRANSACTIONS - ONE-TIME

Dept	BSL	BCL	Year	Revenue	Expenditure
OSE	Office of Sustainability	00100-BO-SE-X1000	2026		\$200,000

2026 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

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2026 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

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OSE-003S-A

Request that OSE study trees and parking in Tree Canopy Equity and Resilience Plan

SPONSORS

Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Mark Solomon, Joy Hollingsworth

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent requests the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) to include evaluation of replacing parking in the City's right-of-way with trees in the development of OSE's Tree Canopy Equity and Resilience Plan (Plan) with such factors as estimates of capital and operating costs, trade-offs in terms of vehicle movement and parking capacity, strategies for reducing conflicts with utility infrastructure, and identification of locations in Seattle most suited/ready for replacing parking with trees.

This SLI requests that OSE's Urban Forestry Team collaborate with City departments (Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle City Light, Seattle Parks and Recreation, Seattle Department of Transportation, Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections, and Finance and Administrative Services) to consider measures akin to those proposed by the City of Paris, France. The 2024-2030 Paris Climate Plan set a goal of replacing 60,000 parking spaces with street trees.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Sustainability, City Light, Arts & Culture

DUE DATE: April 1, 2026