

April 7, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: Finance, Native Communities & Tribal Governments
From: Tom Mikesell, Analyst
Subject: Council Bill 121187 – 2026 Q1 Grant Acceptance & Appropriation Ordinance

Introduction

On April 7, 2026, the Finance, Native Communities & Tribal Governments Committee (“Committee”) will discuss [Council Bill \(CB\) 121187](#), 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 121187 and describes the next steps in the process.

CB 121187 Summary

CB 121187 is the first comprehensive grant acceptance and appropriation legislation transmitted by the Executive in 2026, authorizing City departments to accept a total of \$40.8 million and appropriate \$37 million from external funding sources. Table 1 (*2026 Q1 Acceptances and Appropriations by Department and Grant Source*) shows, by department, the total award, appropriation, and local grant match required

Table 1. 2026 Q1 Acceptances, Appropriations and Match Amount by Department

Department & Grant Source	Accepted Amount	Appropriated Amount	Match Amount
Dept. of Finance and Administrative Services	\$176,000	\$176,000	\$0
Community Assisted Response and Engagement	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
Office of Housing	\$13,107,851	\$10,562,203	\$0
Human Services Department	\$6,439,939	\$6,439,939	\$0
Seattle Department of Transportation	\$7,743,954	\$7,331,043	\$1,142,878
Seattle Fire Department	\$3,086,572	\$3,086,572	\$614,517
Seattle Police Department	\$1,128,621	\$1,128,621	\$303,861
Seattle Public Utilities	\$8,973,866	\$8,123,866	\$5,069,000
Grand Total	\$40,756,803	\$36,948,244	\$7,130,256

Of the total acceptance amount in Table 1, more than half is from four grants accepted by three departments, including:

- **Office of Housing:** \$10 million Connecting Housing to Infrastructure grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce to support utility infrastructure improvements for the Fort Lawton project, allowing for the development of affordable housing on the site;
- **Human Services Department:** \$6.4 million grant from Washington State Department of Social and Health Services for supportive services for older adults enrolled in the Apple Health program, including care coordination, nutrition, home modification, and caregiver respite; and

- **Seattle Public Utilities:** \$3 million from the King County Flood Control District to support construction of a replacement for the 45th Avenue Southwest culvert, replacing it with a 14-foot-wide fish-passable structure and rebuilding the creek channel approximately 100 ft upstream and downstream of the culvert, and \$5 million from the Washington Department of Ecology to support efforts to remediate the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund site including engineering design, cleanup, construction, and implementation of remedial actions. A required grant match of \$5 million is being met with Drainage and Wastewater Fund appropriations included in the 2026-2031 Capital Improvements Plan.

In addition to the grant match described above, approximately \$2 million of additional City matching funds are required for specific grants included in the bill, as follows:

- \$1.1 million from the 2024 Transportation Levy will be applied as the City match for two grants accepted by the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), including a \$1.5 million Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) grant that provides funding to upgrade the intersection of 4th Ave S and Walker Street with new signals and other safety-related upgrades, and a \$1.3 million TIB grant to provide funding to upgrade the intersection of 4th Ave S and Forest Street with new signals and other safety-related upgrades. These awards are associated with the Sound Transit 3 capital projects, and are geared towards SDOT's efforts to prepare the corridor for use by large numbers of buses in the future;
- \$561,000 of existing GF appropriations will be applied as match for \$1.7 million from the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to the Seattle Fire Department for Maritime Resilience and Active Shooter Exercises, Puget Sound Marine Damage Control and Firefighting Equipment Caches for the all hazards environment, and Maritime Resilience and Active Shooter Exercises.
- \$303,000 of existing GF appropriations in the Seattle Police Department budget will be used as local match for \$911,000 from FEMA to provide funding for the protection of Arson Bomb Squad and Harbor officers through the purchase of the equipment, including a Safeboat Patrol Vessel; six surface communication stations; and a Radeco Spot Robot.

The Executive indicates that there are no ongoing costs resulting from the acceptance of the funding in this bill.

All monies 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 funding awards can cross fiscal years, the appropriations made in CB 121187 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 121187 at its April 7, 2026, meeting, the legislation will be considered for final action at the April 14, 2026, City Council meeting.

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