

2021 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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BLG	013	A	002

Budget Action Title: Pass CB 119918 - Seattle Center Operating Interfund Loan Ordinance

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Budget Committee

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Brian Goodnight

Council Bill or Resolution: CB 119918

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
	Yes	0									
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	Abstain	0									
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Budget Action Description:

This budget action recommends passage of CB 119918, Seattle Center's operating interfund loan ordinance. This CB would amend Ordinance 125717, passed in November 2018, to authorize a revolving interfund loan of up to \$18 million from the REET II Capital Projects Fund. The loan is anticipated to be repaid by 2033 from revenues associated with the reopening of the arena and the return of public events and commerce on the campus.

The interfund loan authorized by Ordinance 125717 had a limit of \$5 million and was primarily intended to support Seattle Center operations during the redevelopment of the arena. Seattle Center has maxed out the loan authority granted by the prior authorization.

In addition to the financial impacts of the arena redevelopment, Seattle Center continues to be significantly impacted by the pandemic and its associated prohibition on public gatherings. Seattle Center's 2021 Proposed Budget relies upon \$11.8 million of loan proceeds that would be authorized by this legislation.

The City's Debt Management Policy Advisory Committee voted on October 14, 2020 recommending that the City approve of the interfund loan that would be authorized by this legislation.