

2023 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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Budget Action Title: Add \$225,000 GF (2023) and \$225,000 GF (2024) to ITD for Technology Matching Fund and Digital Navigator Grants

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	BC	SN
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2023 Increase (Decrease)	2024 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	\$0
General Fund Expenditures	\$225,000	\$225,000
Net Balance Effect	\$(225,000)	\$(225,000)
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(225,000)	\$(225,000)

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would add \$225,000 GF in 2023 and \$225,000 GF in 2024 to the Seattle Information Technology Department (ITD), \$135,000 of which should be used for Technology Matching Fund grants and \$90,000 of which should be used for Digital Navigator grants each year. The Technology Matching Fund provides grants to qualifying non-profit organizations in Seattle for digital equity projects and programs that are matched by the community's contribution of volunteer labor, materials, professional services or cash. The Digital Navigators Program provides grants of up to \$50,000 to organizations that deploy community members with cultural competence and technical knowledge to assist residents with the use of computers and the internet.

In the 2022 Adopted Budget, the Council added \$250,000 for a new Digital Navigators Program and \$300,000 to increase funding for the Technology Matching Fund grant program. (These ongoing adds

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were incorrectly coded as one-time in the budget system.) The 2023-2024 Proposed Budget would remove this funding. This CBA would partially restore the funding to advance the digital equity objectives and strategies of the Internet for All Action Plan, passed by the Council in Resolution 31956 in July 2020.

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Increase appropriation for TMF and Digital Navigator Grants		0	0	ITD - IT000	ITD - BO-IT-D0400 - Frontline Services and Workplace	00100 - General Fund	2023	\$0	\$225,000
2	Increase appropriation for TMF and Digital Navigator Grants		0	0	ITD - IT000	ITD - BO-IT-D0400 - Frontline Services and Workplace	00100 - General Fund	2024	\$0	\$225,000