

March 14, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: Finance, Native Communities & Tribal Governments
From: Edin Sisic, Analyst
Subject: Council Bill 120752 – 2024 Q1 Grant Acceptance & Appropriation Ordinance

On March 20, 2024, the Finance, Native Communities & Tribal Governments Committee (“Committee”) will discuss [Council Bill \(CB\) 120752](#), 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 120752 and describes the next steps in the process.

CB 120752 Summary

CB 120752 is the first comprehensive grant acceptance and appropriation legislation transmitted by the Executive in 2024, authorizing City departments to accept a total of \$10.5 million and appropriate \$7.8 million from external funding sources. Table 1 (*2024 Q1 Grant Acceptances and Appropriations by Department and Grant Source*) shows, by department, the total award, appropriation, and local grant match required amount from each granting agency.

Table 1. 2024 Q1 Grant Acceptances and Appropriations by Department and Grant Source

Department & Grant Source	Accepted Amount	Appropriated Amount	City Match Amount
Community Assisted Response and Engagement (CARE)			
Association of Washington Cities	\$165,000	\$165,000	-
Bureau of Justice Assistance	\$230,439	\$230,439	-
CARE Subtotal	\$395,439	\$395,439	-
Office of Emergency Management			
Washington State Military Department	\$402,567	\$402,567	\$402,567
Office of Housing			
Emerald Cities Collaborative	\$580,000	\$580,000	-
Office of Planning and Community Development			
Washington State Department of Commerce	\$50,000	\$50,000	-
Office of Sustainability and Environment			
Seattle Foundation	\$75,000	\$75,000	-
Human Services Department			
Washington State Department of Commerce	\$176,873	\$176,873	-
Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections			
Washington State Department of Ecology	\$27,960	\$27,960	-

Department & Grant Source	Accepted Amount	Appropriated Amount	City Match Amount
Seattle Fire Department			
Department of Homeland Security	\$1,508,708	\$1,508,708	150,871
Washington Dept of Health	\$766	\$766	-
Seattle Fire Department Subtotal	\$1,509,474	\$1,509,474	-
Seattle Police Department			
Washington Traffic Safety Commission	\$53,896	53,896	-
Seattle Public Utilities			
King County Flood Control District	\$1,273,300	-	-
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	\$4,000,000	4,000,000	-
Washington Recreation and Conservation Office	\$2,000,000	-	317,500
Seattle Public Utilities Subtotal	\$7,273,300	4,000,000	317,500
Grand Total	\$10,544,509	7,271,209	720,067

Of the total acceptance amount in *Table 1*, approximately 60 percent is funding from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) related projects. EPA grant funding (\$4 million) would support the local circular wood economy through the establishment of a salvaged wood warehouse. The proposed RCO grant would provide \$2 million to acquire 20 acres of floodplain and river frontage along the Cedar River, for future restoration of natural riverine processes. This funding requires a \$317,500 grant match, which has already been secured through a separate, King County Conservation Futures Fund grant.

Other noteworthy grant backed items include:

- \$1.5 million from the Department of Homeland Security to the Seattle Fire Department (SFD) to provide funding for the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) for firefighter safety. This grant requires a 10 percent match (\$150,000), which is included in SFD’s 2024 Adopted Budget.
- \$1.3 million from King County Flood Control District to SPU for outfall improvements on Taylor Creek and for sea level rise infrastructure along the Duwamish River (in the South Park neighborhood).
- 402,000 from WA State Military Department to the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to support the City’s emergency management program. This funding provides partial support for three OEM positions that lead the ‘*Enhancement, Sustainment, and Improvement*’ of emergency management programs and related staff costs. This grant requires a 100 percent match; this funding from the GF was included in OEM’s 2024 adopted GF budget.
- \$580,000 from Emerald Cities Collaborative to the Office of Housing for weatherization projects. Specifically, this funding will support the delivery of deep energy retrofits to 40 single family low-income households in Seattle.

These and all other grants 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 grant awards can cross fiscal years, the appropriations made in CB 120752 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 120617 at its April 3, 2024, meeting, the legislation will be considered for final action at the April 9, 2024, City Council meeting.

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