

2020 Seattle City Council Budget Action

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Budget Action Title: Add \$540,000 Sweetened Beverage Tax (SBT) to OSE, add \$735,000 SBT to HSD, add \$300,000 SBT to SPR, add \$475,000 SBT to DEEL, cut \$2,275,000 SBT from DON, and impose a proviso

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: Yes

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Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	BH	KS	AP	DJ	MO	SB	TM	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2020 Increase (Decrease)	2021 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$0	
Net Balance Effect	\$0	
Other Funds		
Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund (00155)		
Revenues	\$0	
Expenditures	\$0	
Net Balance Effect	\$0	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$0	

Budget Action Description:

This Budget Action reduces one-time Sweetened Beverage Tax (SBT) support for capital improvements in the P-Patch program in the Department of Neighborhood (DON) from \$3,000,000 to \$725,000. Currently, the P-Patch Program receives \$200,000 of Parks District funding annually to support

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maintenance but has otherwise not received substantial capital improvement funding since 2008.

The \$2,275,000 decrease in SBT is redirected to other priorities, including those identified by the SBT Community Advisory Board (CAB). This action increases SBT support in the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE), Human Services Department (HSD), Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL) and Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) for the following one-time expenditures, all of which are eligible for SBT funding under Seattle Municipal Code 5.53.055:

1. Adds \$75,000 SBT to OSE for consultant services to assess scratch cooking infrastructure at Seattle Public Schools (SPS). SPS Nutrition Services does not currently have the capability to prepare food from scratch, which would improve the freshness, quality, variety, and taste of school food. An assessment of operational and renovation requirements to transition to scratch cooking will provide SPS with recommendations and cost estimates to implement this change;
2. Adds \$300,000 SBT to SPR and \$140,000 SBT to OSE for installation of water bottle filling stations at community centers and Seattle Public Schools, respectively, to encourage youth to drink more water. Investments should be prioritized for neighborhoods with higher proportions of low-income households and people of color;
3. Adds \$735,000 SBT to HSD to provide micro-grants to food banks, meal program sites, and home child care programs for kitchen equipment and supplies, such as refrigerators, commercial grade ovens and other appliances, to help them provide fresh food options;
4. Adds \$225,000 SBT to OSE for consultant services to develop an evaluation plan for all SBT-supported programs. This will assess the evaluation capacity needs across SBT-funded programs and services and create a plan to evaluate these programs and services, including identifying shared measurement protocols to collect common measures;
5. Adds \$100,000 SBT to DEEL to provide grants to community-based organizations, such as WestSide Baby, that work to provide diapers to families of diaper-aged children for whom a lack of access to diapers presents a barrier to using and accessing childcare services, or for families who access diapers via food banks, shelters, enhanced shelters, and tiny home villages;
6. Adds \$375,000 SBT to DEEL to evaluate how the City can facilitate connecting families with childcare providers and develop strategies and models based on best, promising, or emerging practices to address the lack of affordable and accessible childcare for infant and toddler care (0-3 years of age) from other jurisdictions. DEEL should work with community-based organizations, providers, organized labor, and other relevant stakeholders to research and identify strategies and models, including non-center based models, to expand childcare access and infrastructure in the birth to three age group for all families in Seattle;
7. Adds \$225,000 SBT to OSE for an additional 450 Fresh Bucks vouchers, which received a \$2,000,000 SBT ongoing increase in the 2020 Proposed Budget. This allows OSE to offer a total of 6,450 vouchers to both SNAP-eligible residents and those in the "food security gap" (i.e., people who experience food insecurity but do not qualify for other food assistance programs); and
8. Adds \$100,000 SBT to OSE for consultant support to assist with the CAB's annual report and other materials, and analyze key issue areas, such as opportunities and gaps in prenatal-to-aged three programs and services in Seattle.

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This Budget Action imposes the following proviso:

"Of the appropriations in the 2020 budget for the Department of Neighborhoods, \$725,000 is appropriated for capital improvements for P-Patch gardens located within Healthy Food Priority Areas, as presented on page 22 of the Healthy Food Availability & Food Bank Network Report, published in February 2019, and may be spent for no other purpose. Furthermore, the Council anticipates that funding will be prioritized for gardens located within areas where all three factors - lower income, longer travel times to healthy food retailers, and higher percentage of unhealthy food retailers - are present."

The intent of this proviso is to ensure that SBT funds are used only for P-Patch gardens that support communities with the greatest need for healthy food options. DON should consult with the SBT CAB as it develops a strategy for allocating this funding.

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Increase SBT support to connect families to child care		0	0	DEEL - EE000	DEEL - BO-EE-IL100 - Early Learning	00155 - Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund	2020	\$0	\$375,000
2	Increase SBT support to provide families with diapers		0	0	DEEL - EE000	DEEL - BO-EE-IL100 - Early Learning	00155 - Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund	2020	\$0	\$100,000
3	Decrease SBT support for P-Patch program		0	0	DON - DN000	DON - BO-DN-13300 - Community Building	00155 - Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund	2020	\$0	\$(2,275,000)
4	Increase SBT support for micro-grants to purchase kitchen equipment and supplies		0	0	HSD - HS000	HSD - BO-HS-H1000 - Supporting Affordability and Livability	00155 - Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund	2020	\$0	\$735,000
5	Increase SBT support for Community Advisory Board consultant services		0	0	OSE - SE000	OSE - BO-SE-X1000 - Office of Sustainability and Environment	00155 - Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund	2020	\$0	\$100,000
6	Increase SBT support for evaluation plan		0	0	OSE - SE000	OSE - BO-SE-X1000 - Office of Sustainability and Environment	00155 - Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund	2020	\$0	\$225,000
7	Increase SBT support for Fresh Bucks vouchers		0	0	OSE - SE000	OSE - BO-SE-X1000 - Office of Sustainability and Environment	00155 - Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund	2020	\$0	\$225,000
8	Increase SBT support for Seattle Public Schools scratch cooking consultant		0	0	OSE - SE000	OSE - BO-SE-X1000 - Office of Sustainability and Environment	00155 - Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund	2020	\$0	\$75,000
9	Increase SBT support for water bottle filling stations at Seattle Public Schools		0	0	OSE - SE000	OSE - BO-SE-X1000 - Office of Sustainability and Environment	00155 - Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund	2020	\$0	\$140,000
10	Increase SBT support for water bottle filling stations at community centers		0	0	SPR - PR000	SPR - BO-PR-10000 - Cost Center Maintenance and Repairs	00155 - Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund	2020	\$0	\$300,000