

Amendment 45
 to
CB 119825 – 2020 Budget Revisions Ordinance
Sponsor: CM Sawant

Add \$80,000 to OSE for the Green New Deal Oversight Board, cut \$80,000 from SPD, and impose a Proviso

Amend Section 2 of Council Bill 119825, as follows:

Item	Department	Fund	Budget Summary Level/ BCL Code	Additional Budget Appropriation
2.X	<u>Executive (Office of Sustainability and Environment)</u>	<u>General Fund (00100)</u>	<u>Office of Sustainability and Environment (00100-BO-SE-X1000)</u>	<u>\$80,000</u>
	<u>Seattle Police Department</u>	<u>General Fund (00100)</u>	<u>Patrol Operations (00100-SPD-BO-SP-P1800)</u>	<u>(\$80,000)</u>

Reconcile changes to appropriations in this amendment with other adopted amendments to CB 119825

Add a new Section X to Council Bill 119825, as follows:

Section X. Of the appropriations in the 2020 Budget for the Office of Sustainability and Environment Budget Summary Level (BO-SE-X1000) in the General Fund (00100), and notwithstanding powers provided to the Mayor by Section 3 of the Proclamation of Civil Emergency dated March 3, 2020, \$80,000 is appropriated solely to fund staff and financial hardship stipends for the Green New Deal Oversight Board and may be spent for no other purpose.

Renumber the following sections of the bill, as appropriate.

Effect: This amendment cuts \$80,000 from the Seattle Police Department's (SPD) budget and adds \$80,000 to the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) to partially restore funding for the Green New Deal Oversight Board (Board).

The 2020 Adopted Budget authorized \$136,291 General Fund (GF) for a Green New Deal Advisor position (1.0 FTE Strategic Advisor) and financial hardship stipends for members of the Board. The Mayor's proposed rebalancing budget for 2020 includes all of this funding to help address the GF revenue shortfall. This amendment would fund the position with the \$80,000 beginning on September 1, and stipends for Board members beginning October 1. The Green New Deal Advisor is responsible for providing administrative support to the Board and coordinating the City's internal strategy to reduce climate pollutants, helping to achieve the goals identified in the Green New Deal for Seattle ([Resolution 31895](#)), adopted in August 2019. This amendment also includes a proviso to prevent these funds from being used for any other purpose.

Hiring this position will allow the Council and Mayor to make appointments to the Board and increase OSE's capacity to coordinate the interdepartmental Green New Deal City Team. Once a majority of its members are appointed, the Board will provide the Council and Mayor recommendations for how to implement the actions identified in the Green New Deal for Seattle, which are intended to accelerate the transition away from fossil fuels to renewable energy while centering communities that have historically been most harmed by racial, economic, and environmental injustices.

The \$80,000 GF cut to SPD would impact Patrol Functions, which include 9-1-1 response, bike patrols, foot patrols, and proactive work on re-occurring crime. SPD recently reduced its non-personnel and overtime budgets by five percent (ten percent on a six-month basis) to adjust for the City's revenue shortfalls. Unless the Chief of Police can find additional non-personnel reductions, a \$80,000 cut to SPD's Patrol Operations will result in layoffs. If layoff notices are provided on August 1, Central Staff estimates that approximately 4.8 FTEs would be laid off on November 1. Layoffs could be a mix of sworn and civilian personnel, and could raise labor issues.