

**Seattle City Council Select Budget Committee**  
 Proposed Budget Amendments | Tuesday, October 26, 2021

**Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE)**

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## 2022 Seattle City Council Budget Action

**Council Budget Action: Agenda**

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OSE	001	A	001

**Budget Action Title:** Add \$100,000 GF to OSE for a community climate resilience plan

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Lorena González

Council Members: Tammy Morales, Debora Juarez

Staff Analyst: Yolanda Ho

Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

### Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2022 Increase (Decrease)	2023 Increase (Decrease)
<b>General Fund</b>		
<b>General Fund Revenues</b>	\$0	
<b>General Fund Expenditures</b>	\$100,000	
<b>Net Balance Effect</b>	<b>\$(100,000)</b>	
<b>Total Budget Balance Effect</b>	<b>\$(100,000)</b>	

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OSE	001	A	001

**Budget Action Description:**

This Council Budget Action would add \$100,000 GF to the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) to support development of a community climate resilience plan, with a specific focus on establishing resilience hubs throughout Seattle. These resilience hubs would provide air-conditioning and clean air to residents during extreme heat and wildfire smoke events, which are anticipated to increase in frequency due to climate change. Resilience hubs may be libraries, community centers, or other publicly-accessible buildings.

OSE should collaborate with the Office of Emergency Management, Department of Finance and Administrative Services, Seattle Parks and Recreation, Seattle Public Libraries, and other departments as needed to do the following:

- Identify City-owned facilities that could serve as resilience hubs, with the goal of having a site that is accessible within a 15-minute walk or bus ride in every neighborhood;
- For each potential site, assess whether green energy upgrades (i.e., solar power or other on-site energy production) are needed to ensure that the buildings are able to continue providing air-conditioning and clean air in the event of a power outage;
- Estimate costs and potential timeline for implementing upgrades where needed.

Additionally, OSE should conduct a vulnerability assessment and conduct outreach to help prioritize investments and educate community members, particularly those least likely to have air-conditioning and/or air filters, about resilience hubs. The assessment should consider demographics, health indicators, mobility, and other factors as appropriate.

**Budget Action Transactions**

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Increase appropriations for a community climate resilience plan		0	0	OSE - SE000	OSE - BO-SE-X1000 - Office of Sustainability and Environment	00100 - General Fund	2022	\$0	\$100,000

## 2022 Seattle City Council Budget Action

**Council Budget Action: Agenda**

Tab	Action	Option	Version
OSE	002	A	001

**Budget Action Title:** Proviso \$200,000 payroll expense tax in OSE to support youth leadership programs in the Duwamish Valley

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Lisa Herbold

Council Members: Tammy Morales, Dan Strauss

Staff Analyst: Yolanda Ho

Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
	Yes	0									
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OSE	002	A	001

**Budget Action Description:**

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would ensure that, of the \$500,000 in ongoing payroll expense tax funds in the Office of Sustainability and Environment's (OSE's) 2022 Proposed Budget designated for youth leadership, workforce training, and capacity building in the Duwamish Valley, at least \$200,000 would be reserved for a contract with an organization that operates an established youth engagement program focusing on environmental justice and job skills, such as the Duwamish Valley Youth Corps.

The Human Services Department (HSD) has provided funding (ranging from about \$110,000 to \$150,000) for the Duwamish Valley Youth Corps every year since 2018. HSD will not be funding the organization in 2022.

This CBA would impose the following proviso:

"Of the appropriation in the 2022 budget for the Office of Sustainability and Environment, at least \$200,000 is appropriated solely for an organization that operates an established youth engagement program focusing on environmental justice and job skills and may be spent for no other purpose."

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# 2022 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

## Council Budget Action: Agenda

Tab	Action	Option	Version
OSE	003	A	001

**Budget Action Title:** Request that OSE and SPR develop a plan to phase out the use of gas-powered leaf blowers

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Alex Pedersen

Council Members: Debora Juarez, Dan Strauss

Staff Analyst: Yolanda Ho

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	Yes	0									
	No	0									
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	Absent	0									

### Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE), Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR), and other departments as needed, develop a plan to phase out the use of all gas-powered leaf blowers in Seattle within two years. Following implementation of the two-year plan, the goal would be for the City to ban the use of gas-powered leaf blowers. While gas-powered leaf blowers do not contribute substantially to Seattle's overall greenhouse gas emissions, they can cause localized air pollution and the low-frequency sounds they produce are particularly disturbing to the human ear, negatively impacting people within the proximity of someone using a gas-powered leaf blower.

The plan should build off of the response in 2014 to SLI 70-1-A-1 (Department of Planning and Development Leaf Blower Recommendations) and consider the approach other jurisdictions have taken to prohibit the sale and use of gas-powered leaf blowers, such as California. The plan should include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Evaluation of available commercial-grade electric leaf blowers on the market (e.g., battery life, charging time, efficacy as compared to gas-powered leaf blowers, etc.);
- Costs associated with transitioning all City-owned leaf blowers to electric (e.g., labor, equipment, charging infrastructure, etc.) and potential strategies for reducing these costs;
- Identification of key external stakeholders who should be engaged in discussions related to the use of leaf blowers, such as major institutions, landscaping company owners, etc., as well as community groups or other organizations concerned about the noise and air pollution caused by gas-powered leaf blowers;
- Creation of a buy-back program for privately-owned gas-powered leaf blowers;
- Racial Equity Toolkit (RET) analysis; and
- Timeline for implementation, with specific steps, that takes into consideration the needs of businesses, City departments, residents, and other stakeholders; general availability, cost, and efficacy of commercial-grade electric leaf blowers; racial equity; enforcement; program costs and administration; and potential risks. Key external stakeholders and others identified through the RET should be engaged in the development of the proposed timeline.

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To develop this plan, OSE and SPR are requested to convene an interdepartmental team consisting of departments that currently use gas-powered leaf blowers and those that would be involved in administering the buy-back program for privately-owned gas-powered leaf blowers.

OSE and SPR should submit a report to the Sustainability & Renters' Rights Committee, or successor committee, and the Central Staff Director by June 3, 2022.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):**

Sustainability & Renters' Rights

**Date Due to Council:**

June 3, 2022