

Summary and Fiscal Note

1. Legislation Summary

Department: Seattle Public Utilities

Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Public Utilities; authorizing the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of Seattle Public Utilities, or designee, to execute an amendment to the interlocal agreement between Seattle Public Utilities and the King County Flood Control Zone District for the South Park Interim Flooding Preparedness and Response Program; authorizing the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of Seattle Public Utilities, or designee, to execute additional amendments to the interlocal agreement between Seattle Public Utilities and the King County Flood Control Zone District for the South Park Interim Flooding Preparedness and Response Program; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Background: Due to repetitive flooding incidents in the South Park neighborhood, including the December 2022 Duwamish River King Tide flooding event, Seattle Public Utilities developed a South Park Emergency Response Plan to prepare for the increased flooding risk in the neighborhood. The South Park Response Plan includes annual construction of a temporary flood barrier during the wet weather season, an emergency preparedness and response staffing plan, and outreach and engagement in South Park to build community understanding of flooding risk. The Interlocal Agreement with King County Flood Control Zone District, approved by Seattle Ordinance 127057 made available \$2,041,000 from the King County Flood Control Zone District for these expenses. The amendment that is the subject of this ordinance would add an additional \$2,620,615.

Summary Attachments: None

2. Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?

☐ Yes

☒ No

3. Summary of Financial Implications

Does this legislation have financial impacts to the City?

☒ Yes

☐ No

a. Expenditure Change to General Fund

b. Expenditure Change to Other Funds

c. Revenue Change to General Fund

d. Revenue Change to Other Funds

2026	2027 est.	2028 est.	2029 est.	2030 est.
2,620,615				

e. Number of Positions

f. Total Full-Time Employee (FTE) Change

3a. Appropriations

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes appropriations.

3b. Revenues/Reimbursements

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes revenues or reimbursements.

Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from This Legislation:

Fund Name and Number	Dept.	Revenue Source	2026 Revenue	2027 Estimated Revenue
Drainage & Wastewater Fund - 44010	SPU	King County FCD	2,620,615	

TOTAL 2026 Revenue	TOTAL 2027 Estimated Revenue
2,620,615	

Revenue/Reimbursement Notes:

3c. Positions

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes positions.

Total Regular Positions Created, Modified, or Abrogated through This Legislation, Including FTE Impact:

If there is one or more sunseting position or other notes, please explain:

3d. Other Financial Impacts

a. Does this legislation create any other financial impacts for The City of Seattle, such as direct or indirect costs, one-time or ongoing, that aren't mentioned above? If yes, please explain these impacts.

No

b. If the legislation has costs that can be covered within the current budget, explain how. Does the department have extra resources in its budget to handle these costs? Or does the department need to shift resources away from other work to handle these costs?

NA

c. What financial costs or other impacts might happen if this legislation is not implemented?

Not implementing this legislation would result in the loss of \$2,620,615 in revenue to the Drainage & Wastewater Fund.

d. How might this legislation affect other City departments besides the one that proposed it?

NA

4. Other Impacts

a. Does this legislation require a public hearing?

☒ Yes

☒ No

b. Does this legislation require a notice to be published in The Daily Journal of Commerce and/or The Seattle Times?

☐ Yes

☒ No

c. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No

d. Race and Social Justice Initiative impacts:

1. How does this legislation affect vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? How did you come to this conclusion? Please consider both impacts within City government (like employees and internal programs) and in the broader community.

The legislation will reduce flood risk and improve safety within the South Park neighborhood, a historically disadvantaged community where 74 percent of residents are people of color.

2. Please attach any Racial Equity Toolkits or other racial equity analyses used to develop or assess this legislation.

This Agreement provides funding to benefit a historically vulnerable community; a Racial Equity Toolkit has not been completed.

3. What is the Language Access Plan for communicating with the public about this legislation?

SPU has partnered with community-based organizations in South Park, including Duwamish River Community Coalition, Villa Comunitaria, and Khmer Community of Seattle King County, who are providing translation and interpretation services in Spanish and Khmer as needed. SPU staff have also partnered with Community Liaisons from the Department of Neighborhoods to provide additional language support as needed.

e. Climate change impacts:

1. Emissions: Will this legislation significantly increase or decrease carbon emissions? Attach any studies or materials that inform your answer.

No

2. Resiliency: Will this legislation make Seattle more or less able to adapt to climate change? If it reduces resiliency, explain what can be done to lessen the impact.

The proposed actions will improve community resilience to climate change by supporting safety and preparedness to the increased risk of flooding and extreme weather events.

f. If this legislation creates a new program or expands an existing one, what are the long-term, measurable goals? How will this legislation help achieve those goals? What methods will be used to track progress?

NA

g. Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP that involves shared funding with a non-City partner or organization?

No