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M E M O R A N D U M

To: Finance, Native Communities & Tribal Governments Committee
From: Tom Mikesell, Analyst
Subject: Council Bill 121252 – 2026 Mid-Year Acceptance Ordinance

On July 21, 2026, the Finance, Native Communities & Tribal Governments Committee will discuss [Council Bill \(CB\) 121252](#), which would authorize select City departments to accept and appropriate identified external revenues from non-City sources.

This memo summarizes CB 121252 and describes the next steps in the context of the budget adjustment process for 2026.

CB 121252 Summary

CB 121252 is the second comprehensive revenue acceptance and appropriation legislation transmitted by the Executive in 2026, authorizing City departments to accept a total of \$44.9 million and appropriate \$38.4 million from external funding sources. The external monies come in the form of donations, service agreements, and grants. In general, donations are monies received for a specific purpose with limited reporting and matching requirements. This contrasts with service agreements and grants, which will normally include additional auditing and reporting as part of their acceptance, and may include a matching component. Of the total accepted in CB 121252, \$1.3 million is from donations, \$8.4 million is from service agreements, and \$35 million is from grants.

Table 1 shows, by department, the amount expected from each external provider, the corresponding appropriation, and the amount of any City match, if applicable.

Table 1. 2026 Mid-year Acceptances and Appropriations by Department and Source

Department & Source	Accepted Amount	Appropriated Amount	Match Amount
Finance and Administrative Services (FAS)			
Puget Sound Energy	\$391,810	\$391,810	
Washington State Department of Ecology	\$1,500,000	\$2,402,000 ¹	
FAS Subtotal	\$1,891,810	\$2,793,810	\$0
Executive: Office of Emergency Management (OEM)			
Federal Emergency Management Agency via WA State Military Department	\$384,483	\$384,483	\$371,256
OEM Subtotal	\$384,483	\$384,483	\$371,256
Executive: Office of Housing (OH)			
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development	\$5,150,00	\$5,150,000	
WA State Department of Commerce	\$6,050,000	\$6,050,000	
OH Subtotal	\$11,200,000	\$11,200,000	\$0

¹ In addition to the \$1.5 million grant revenue, the appropriated amount includes an additional \$900,000 of fleet replacement revenues collected in the FAS Fleet Capital Fund for the purpose of fire truck replacement.

Department & Source	Accepted Amount	Appropriated Amount	Match Amount
Human Services Department (HSD)			
University of Southern California	\$20,000	\$10,000	
HSD Subtotal	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$0
Seattle Center (SC)			
Federal Transportation Administration	\$160,000	\$160,000	
King County Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks	\$5,248,070	\$5,248,070	
SC Subtotal	\$5,408,070	\$5,408,070	\$0
Seattle City Light (SCL)			
WA State Recreation and Conservation Office	\$4,867,845	\$0	
SCL Subtotal	\$4,867,845	\$0	\$0
Seattle Dept. of Construction Inspections (SDCI)			
WA State Military Department and Federal Emergency Management Agency	\$231,950	\$231,950	\$33,136
SDCI Subtotal	\$231,950	\$231,950	\$33,136
Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)			
Federal Transit Administration	\$2,493,439	\$446,271	\$285,971
Puget Sound Energy	\$104,000	\$104,000	
Seattle Intl. Soccer Local Organizing Committee	\$150,000	\$150,000	
Sound Transit	\$450,363	\$450,363	
Washington State Department of Transportation	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	
SDOT Subtotal	\$4,997,802	\$2,950,634	\$285,971
Seattle Fire Department (SFD)			
Vigor Shipyard	\$610,384	\$610,384	
SFD Subtotal	\$610,384	\$610,384	\$0
Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR)			
Arboretum Foundation	\$195,593	\$195,593	
King County Dept. of Natural Resources and Parks	\$7,750,000	\$7,750,000	
King County Flood Control District	\$889,000	\$889,000	
King County, on behalf of the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council	\$74,955	\$74,955	
Puget Sound Energy Municipal Energy	\$108,190	\$108,190	
Queen Anne Little League	\$415,000	\$415,000	
Seattle Parks Foundation	\$695,697	\$695,697	
WA State Recreation and Conservation Office	\$4,405,001	\$4,405,001	\$514,535
SPR Subtotal	\$14,533,436	\$14,533,436	\$514,535
Seattle Police Department (SPD)			
Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs	\$3,600	\$3,600	
Washington Department of Ecology	\$248,250	\$248,250	\$82,750
Washington Traffic Safety Commission	\$35,000	\$35,000	
SPD Subtotal	\$286,850	\$286,850	\$82,750
Seattle Public Utilities (SPU)			
King County	\$500,000	\$0	
SPU Subtotal	\$500,000	\$0	\$0
Grand Total	\$44,932,630	\$38,409,617	\$1,287,648

Six items in CB 121252 represent two-thirds of the total acceptance amount in *Table 1*, including:

- Montlake Affordable Housing: \$6.1 million grant from the State Department of Commerce to the Office of Housing (OH) to purchase a parcel of land for the Montlake Homes project, which will include 50 units of owner-occupied affordable housing.
- Memorial Stadium Redevelopment: \$5.3 million allocation as part of a funding agreement with King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks to Seattle Center, supported by 2025 King County Park Levy monies, for Memorial Stadium project capital costs.
- Evans Pool Rebuild: \$5 million grant from King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks to support planning, indirect and construction costs to rebuild Evans Pool at the Greenlake Community Center.
- Fred Hutchinson Play Area Renovation: \$4.3 million grant from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office to support play area and playfield renovations at Fred Hutchinson Playground, including new play areas, picnic shelters, and ballfields. The grant includes a \$477,080 match requirement that will be funded by existing appropriations from the Seattle Park District Fund.
- Skagit Watershed Habitat Acquisition: \$3.7 million grant from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office to Seattle City Light for land purchases for freshwater floodplain habitats as defined in the 2017 Skagit Watershed Council Protection Strategy Update.
- Fort Lawton Redevelopment: \$3.2 million grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to OH to support project costs at the Fort Lawton redevelopment project including demolition of existing buildings on the site, design of infrastructure, and other necessary steps required for permitting.
- Lake City Community Center: \$2 million grant from HUD to OH to support the Lake City Community Center project.

Also, note is a \$1.5 million Washington Department of Ecology grant to the Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS). When combined with \$900,000 from the Fleet Capital Fund, funded by fleet replacement collections for this purpose, this external funding will support the purchase of the City's first fully electric fire engine.

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 121252 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 121252 at the August 4, 2026, Committee meeting, the legislation will be considered for final action at the August 11, 2026, City Council meeting.

Future 2026 budget adjustments will include the year-end comprehensive supplemental adjustment and grant acceptance and appropriation bills, anticipated to be submitted as budget legislation with the Mayor's 2027-2028 Proposed Budget in late September, and any other stand-alone supplemental bills necessary to address unforeseen circumstances, consistent with [RCW 35.32A.060](#).

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