

2014 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Add \$50,000 of GSF to the OSE BCL to further expand the Fresh Bucks food assistance program

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: No

Councilmembers: Bagshaw; Harrell; O'Brien

Staff Analyst: Esther Handy; Meg Moorehead

Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	SB	BH	TR	RC	TB	NL	JG	SC	MO
	Yes										
	No										
	Abstain										
	Absent										

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2013 Increase (Decrease)	2014 Increase (Decrease)
General Subfund		
General Subfund Revenues	\$0	\$0
General Subfund Expenditures	\$0	\$50,000
Net Balance Effect	\$0	(\$50,000)
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$0	(\$50,000)

Budget Action description:

This green sheet adds \$50,000 of General Subfund (GSF) to the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) Budget Control Level (BCL) to further expand the Fresh Bucks food assistance program.

Since 2012 OSE has been piloting the Fresh Bucks food assistance program in cooperation with the Washington State Farmers Market Association (WSFMA), Seattle farmers markets and the University of Washington Center for Public Health Nutrition. At Seattle farmers markets, City-funded Fresh Bucks vouchers match every dollar of food stamp purchases up to \$10 – doubling the purchasing power of families receiving food stamp benefits. The program results in more customers for farmers markets and more access to healthy locally grown food for families receiving food stamp benefits. About 2,500 people used the program in 2013. OSE’s proposed budget doubles City Fresh Bucks funding from \$50,000 in 2013 to \$100,000 in 2014. It also assumes that private contributions to the program will remain the same -- \$140,000 per year. OSE and its partners are developing a 5-year

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vision and considering statewide expansion of the program under the umbrella of the WSFMA. If further program expansion is considered, more City GSF funding could be provided or, to further the goal of statewide expansion, funds from outside Seattle could be pursued. This green sheet adds more City GSF funds so that the program can help more people.

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Budget Action Transactions

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#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BCL or Revenue Source	Summit Code	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Increase funding for the Fresh Bucks food assistance program				OSE	Office of Sustainability and Environment	X1000	00100	2014		\$50,000