

2014 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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**Budget Action Title:** Add \$200,000 of GSF to the OSE BCL for Community Power Works home heating efficiency incentives

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: No

Councilmembers: Clark; Conlin; O'Brien

Staff Analyst: Meg Moorehead; Rashad Morris

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)
<b>General Subfund</b>		
<b>General Subfund Revenues</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>General Subfund Expenditures</b>	\$0	\$200,000
<b>Net Balance Effect</b>	\$0	(\$200,000)
<b>Total Budget Balance Effect</b>	\$0	(\$200,000)

**Budget Action description:**

This green sheet adds \$200,000 of General Subfund (GSF) to the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) Budget Control Level (BCL) for Community Power Works (CPW) home energy efficiency incentives.

In 2014 CPW is transitioning from a more broadly focused federal grant-funded building energy efficiency program to a residential energy efficiency program funded with GSF, state grants and other funding sources. OSE's 2014 work program includes contracting with its non-profit partner, Clean Energy Works, to deliver subsidized energy audits, energy upgrades and financing. Incentives to subsidize those activities are offered by City Light for electrically heated homes and Puget Sound Energy can provide incentives for natural gas-heated homes, but there is an incentive gap for oil-heated homes. OSE estimates there are approximately 22,000 oil-heated homes in Seattle. Oil is the most carbon-intensive home heating fuel, and upgrades to higher efficiency heating systems provide homeowners with significant energy and money savings. OSE's 2014 work program seeks to address

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that gap by providing incentives for oil-heated homes through CPW. Although incentive levels are being reevaluated, in the past subsidies have been provided of about \$200 for an energy audit and \$700 (on average) for an energy-saving retrofit of an oil-heated home.

OSE's 2014 planned funding for CPW incentives includes over \$200,000 of remaining federal ARRA grants and \$500,000 to \$900,000 of state Community Energy Efficiency Program (CEEP) grant funds. With those funds, OSE had planned to upgrade 400 oil-heated homes in 2014. It now appears that CEEP funds available to OSE could be as little as \$250,000, resulting in fewer CPW retrofits, less energy saved and continued greenhouse gas emissions. This green sheet increases GSF funding for incentives so that CPW can come closer to its 2014 home energy efficiency goals.

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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	Add spending for Community Power Works home heating efficiency incentives				OSE	Office of Sustainability and Environment	X1000	00100	2014		\$200,000