

2014 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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**Budget Action Title:** Add \$45,000 of GSF to the OSE BCL for the Capitol Hill EcoDistrict, and impose a proviso

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Councilmembers: Conlin; Licata; O'Brien

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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	\$45,000
<b>Net Balance Effect</b>	\$0	(\$45,000)
<b>Total Budget Balance Effect</b>	\$0	(\$45,000)

**Budget Action description:**

This green sheet adds \$45,000 of General Subfund (GSF) to the Office of Sustainability and Environment Budget Control Level (BCL) for contracting with Capitol Hill Housing (CHH) for implementation of the Capitol Hill EcoDistrict. This green sheet also imposes the following proviso:

“Of the appropriation in 2014 budget for the Office of Sustainability and Environment BCL, \$45,000 is appropriated solely for contracting with Capitol Hill Housing for implementation of the Capitol Hill EcoDistrict and may be spent for no other purpose. The Council further directs the Office of Sustainability and Environment to coordinate with other City departments (including the Department of Planning and Development, Seattle City Light, the Office of Culture and Arts, and others) to facilitate sharing of City data with Capitol Hill Housing, identify opportunities to work with the EcoDistrict on on-the-ground pilot projects to test new sustainability approaches, identify opportunities for removing regulatory barriers that thwart sustainability goals, and create incentives for achieving City sustainability goals.”

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An EcoDistrict is a geographic area where sustainability policies are integrated and applied in a neighborhood context. EcoDistricts have been established in various forms in Portland, Atlanta and other cities, and the Seattle 2030 District and Capitol Hill EcoDistrict are examples of local EcoDistrict-type efforts. Using a Bullitt Foundation grant, the Capitol Hill EcoDistrict established neighborhood sustainability goals that align with City goals and is now seeking to refine and implement the neighborhood goals. Because it is a new concept for Seattle, it is not yet resolved how it integrates with existing neighborhood plans, neighborhood councils and City departments' implementation of various sustainability policies.

The Capitol Hill EcoDistrict is led by CHH. CHH is a public Community Development Corporation that owns and operates 44 low-to-moderate income housing buildings in Capitol Hill and nine other Seattle neighborhoods. In 2011, CHH received a Bullitt Foundation grant to develop an EcoDistrict for Capitol Hill. CHH completed its EcoDistrict proposal with participation of the architecture firm GGLO in May 2012. The proposal identified Capitol Hill-specific performance targets for building energy efficiency, tree canopy expansion, water conservation, renewable energy production, recycling, solid waste reduction, affordable housing and transportation, accessibility of healthy food, traffic safety, increased bicycling, reduced use of single-occupancy vehicles, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions. CHH states that the next steps for the EcoDistrict include creating a sustainability index for tracking progress toward the performance targets, acquiring a geographic information system (GIS) for data analysis and reporting, and establishing more formal coordination between CHH as the EcoDistrict lead and City departments. This green sheet provides funds for OSE to contract with CHH to develop the index and GIS capabilities.

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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 funds for a contract with Capitol Hill Housing for Capitol Hill EcoDistrict implementation				OSE	Office of Sustainability and Environment	X1000	00100	2014		\$45,000