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More than a century of industrial and urban wastes have contaminated Seattle’s Duwamish River and continues to impact residents, businesses and workers in the neighborhoods of South Park and Georgetown, in addition to the Duwamish, Muckleshoot, and Suquamish Tribes. Public discussions of Seattle’s Duwamish Superfund clean-up have identified substantial social and economic needs in these communities along the river. Because many of those needs cannot be addressed through the federal Superfund regulatory process, the 2014 budget establish a \$250,000 Duwamish Opportunity Fund in the Finance General Reserves BCL. The Fund supports efforts by Seattle, other jurisdictions or community organizations to improve the quality of life and restore the health of Duwamish area communities.

The proposed budget includes \$250,000 for the Fund in 2015, but does not provide funding for 2016 to allow the Mayor’s Office to complete an assessment of the Fund’s efficacy before committing 2016 funding. If money is provided in 2016, the Council intends that it be a matching fund to leverage commitments from other entities to support this work.

Moving the \$250,000 proposed for 2015 from FG to DON appropriates the funds so that grants can be promptly issued in 2015. Moving the funds is consistent with the soon-to-be-submitted 4th quarter 2014 supplemental budget ordinance, which will move the 2014 Duwamish Opportunity Fund Support from FG to DON.

In 2014, 16 applications to the Duwamish Opportunity Fund were received, totaling \$640,000. Funding for selected 2014 projects likely will be awarded in November. The City is likely to receive more applications from a broader set of stakeholders in the coming year. The City also is actively pursuing additional resources for the Fund from responsible Superfund parties identified by the Environmental Protection Agency, among others. With adequate support, the Duwamish Opportunity Fund is intended to become a vehicle for a more comprehensive, interagency approach to improve the quality of life along the Duwamish River.

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Budget Action Transactions

Budget Action Title: Transfer \$250,000 of GSF Duwamish Opportunity Fund Support from FG to DON in 2015

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BCL or Revenue Source	Summit Code	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Cut dollars for Duwamish Opportunity Fund Support				FG	Reserves	2QD00	00100	2015		(\$250,000)
2	Add spending for Duwamish Opportunity Fund Support				DON	Director's Office	I3100	00100	2015		\$250,000