

2015 - 2016 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Imposing Proviso on Finance General Reserve - Fire Station 39 Housing Services Funding

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Councilmembers: Clark; Harrell; Licata

Staff Analyst: Traci Ratzliff

Council Bill or Resolution:

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

Budget Action description:

The errata for the 2015 Proposed Budget includes a Finance General Reserve of \$950,000 in 2015 for Fire Station (FS) 39 Housing Services Funding to assist with the potential development of low-income housing at FS 39. The Council wants this funding to be used only for low-income housing development at FS 39 or an alternative site in Lake City. If this is not feasible, the Council wants the funding to be available for homeless services.

This green sheet would impose the following budget proviso: "Of the appropriation in the 2015 budget for the Finance General Reserves BCL, \$950,000 is appropriated solely for the capital costs associated with the development of low-income housing for very low income or formerly homeless individuals or families or the operating costs associated with the provision of human services at the Fire Station 39 site or an alternative site in Lake City, and may be spent for no other purpose."

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Since 2012, the Council has articulated interest in redeveloping the former Fire Station 39 site as long term housing for low-income or formerly homeless individuals or families. The Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) proceeded to examine this use as part of the City's surplus property policies and procedures. A preliminary report was issued in June 2012 recommending that the City sell the property for the development of affordable housing for homeless families or very-low-income families (those earning less than 30% of median income). Former Mayor McGinn requested that the City delay moving forward with this proposal until a community wide planning process was completed that could inform whether the FS 39 location or another location in Lake City might be most appropriate for the proposed housing project. Funding for potential development of the project at FS 39 was included in the 2014 Finance General Reserves pending the outcome of this work but will not be spent by the end of 2014. This funding was inadvertently left out of the Mayor's 2015 – 2016 Proposed Budget and is included in the errata for 2015. The Executive indicates that the planning work will be completed by first part of 2015 and a decision related to the FS 39 site would be forthcoming after completion of this work.

The Council expects the Executive to provide a recommendation to the Council by April 15th, 2015 regarding the redevelopment of FS 39. If the Executive does not recommend development of low-income housing on this site or an alternative site in Lake City, it is the Council's intent to authorize the expenditure of the \$950,000 for homeless services via a future ordinance.