Seatle City Council Select Budget Committee

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OSE-002-A

Increase OSE by $50,000 (2027) for the Georgetown Farmers Market

SPONSORS

Dionne Foster, Rob Saka, Eddie Lin

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fund	2027 Increase (Decrease)	2028 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	$(50,000)	$0
Total Budget Balance Effect	$(50,000)	$0

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Council Budget Act (CBA) would increase General Fund (GF) appropriations to the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) by $50,000 in 2027 (one-time) to support the Georgetown Farmers Market's continued operation. Funding would help sustain market staffing, outreach, and community engagement while increasing participation in SNAP, Fresh Bucks, and Market Match programs, and building a more sustainable long-term operating model.

This CBA would continue support in a neighborhood with limited food access. Georgetown residents lack a full-service grocery in the neighborhood and almost a quarter of households in the 98108 ZIP code receive SNAP benefits.

In 2026, Council appropriated $200,000 (one-time) for supporting farmers markets in neighborhoods with limited food access, building upon additional $317,000 to be appropriated over three years (2026-2028) for the Lake City Farmers Market. The Georgetown Farmers Market received $40,000 of the total amount appropriated for farmers market support in 2026. This funding was not continued in the 2027-2028 Proposed Budget.

In 2025, OSE contracted with the Georgetown Merchants Association for $50,000 to support neighborhood activation, including a community event series and a pilot Georgetown seasonal farmers market.

ATTACHMENT: No

TRANSACTIONS - ONE-TIME

Dept	BSL	BCL	Year	Revenue	Expenditure
OSE	Office of Sustainability and Environment	00100-BO-SE-X1000	2027		$50,000

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OSE-003-A

Increase OSE by $250,000 (2027) for a micro-forest and floating wetland pilot program

SPONSORS

Eddie Lin, Dan Strauss, Robert Kettle

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fund	2027 Increase (Decrease)	2028 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	$(250,000)	$0
Total Budget Balance Effect	$(250,000)	$0

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would increase General Fund (GF) appropriations to the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) by $250,000 in 2027 (one-time) for a pilot program to plant micro-forests, inspired by Miyawaki forests (or "pocket forests") principles, at up to five Seattle Public Schools.

This proposal would be dependent on collaboration between OSE, Seattle Public Schools, and an external organization that would be responsible for planting and maintenance of the micro-forests. Forest planting sites should be identified and prioritized to further environmental justice and racial and social equity goals, accounting for site feasibility, including available space and irrigation access, and contingent on community and school interest.

This funding could also be used to explore development of floating wetlands on Lake Union.

Miyawaki forests plant an intentional and dense mix of native trees and shrubs on a compact site. The plants are selected and planted to encourage a rapidly maturing forest with canopy that prevents the need for maintaining ground cover or mowing, while delivering shade, habitat, and other ecosystem benefits. Floating wetlands provide dual benefits to waterbodies; the plants provide wetland habitat while their submerged roots enhance water quality.

ATTACHMENT: No

TRANSACTIONS - ONE-TIME

Dept	BSL	BCL	Year	Revenue	Expenditure
OSE	Office of Sustainability and Environment	00100-BO-SE-X1000	2027		$250,000

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