Ordinance No. 123096

Council Bill No. 116631

AN ORDINANCE accepting funds from the Washington State Department of Commerce allocated through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute related agreements; amending the 2009 Adopted Budget to increase appropriations for the Department of Parks and Recreation; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts; all by a three-fourths vote of the City Council.

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The City of Seattle - Legislative Department

Council Bill/Ordinance sponsored by: Jean Godden
Councilmember

Committee Action:

Do pass - JG

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WHEREAS, the United States Congress authorized funding to increase jobs and provide economic stimulus through Community Services Block Grants as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA); and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle (the City) submitted an application to the Washington State Department of Commerce on June 12, 2009 to request $258,583 in Community Services Block Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, based on the City's successful application, the Washington State Department of Commerce has awarded $258,583 to the City from these Community Services Block Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Conservation Corps (SCC) is a one-year work experience program for homeless adults and is part of the City of Seattle's Department of Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the ARRA grant funding constitutes one-time funding for the SCC to provide new computers, software and internet access to SCC's learning center; increased rent assistance to homeless adults; increased program capacity through the funding of unfilled and unfunded supervisory staff to support an increase in the number of participants after which capital project funding will be sought to maintain the capacity increase; a feasibility study on green jobs; and increased training opportunities for SCC staff and participants in the emerging green jobs arena; and

WHEREAS, the SCC chose three areas of investment to meet grant requirements that the ARRA funding can be used for: Employment (computer upgrades), Capacity Building (new supervisors, feasibility study and green jobs training), and Emergency Services (rent assistance); and

WHEREAS, the City is not obligated to continue or maintain ARRA grant funding levels for the SCC once ARRA grant funds have lapsed;

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to amend the 2009 Adopted Budget for the Department of Parks and Recreation to authorize increased expenditures for the SCC in anticipation of reimbursement from ARRA funds; NOW THEREFORE,

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Seattle (the City) hereby accepts American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funds from the Washington State Department of Commerce through the Community Services Block Grant in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty-eight Thousand Five Hundred Eight-three Dollars ($258,583). These funds will be used by the Seattle Conservation Corps (SCC). Under the category of "Employment", Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000) will be used to obtain new computers, software and internet access for the SCC learning center. Under the category of "Emergency Services", another Thirty Thousand Dollars ($30,000) will provide rent assistance to homeless adults participating in the SCC program. The SCC will use Two Hundred Eight Thousand, Five Hundred and Eighty-three Dollars ($208,583) for program "Capacity Building" including a market feasibility study for green areas of growth appropriate to the SCC program and clients; funds to hire two additional supervisors, that will in turn allow hiring of 15 participants over the life of the grant; and training in green jobs for staff and participants in areas indicated as most appropriate by the feasibility study.

Section 2. On behalf of the City, the Mayor or his designee is authorized to execute, deliver, and fulfill such agreements and certifications as may be necessary to accept the ARRA funds. The ARRA funds, when received, shall be deposited into the Department of Parks and Recreation Operating Fund. The Mayor or his designee is further authorized to execute and deliver documents relating to the agreements if required by federal guidelines.

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Section 3. Contingent upon the execution of the agreement(s) authorized in Section 2, and in order to meet actual necessary expenditures of the City for which insufficient appropriations have been made due to causes that could not reasonably have been foreseen at the time of the making of the 2009 Budget, the appropriation for the following item in the 2009 Budget is increased from the fund(s) shown, as follows:

Fund Name and Number	**Department**	**Budget Control Level**	**Amount**
Parks Operating Fund (10200)	Parks and Recreation	Seattle Conservation Corps (K320C)	$258,583
Total			$258,583

Unspent funds shall carry forward to subsequent years until they are exhausted or abandoned by ordinance.

Section 4. Any act authorized by this ordinance and taken after its passage is ratified and confirmed.

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Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by a three-fourths vote of the City Council the 21st day of September, 2009, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 21st day of September, 2009.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this 24th day of September, 2009.

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Filed by me this 24th day of September, 2009.

City Clerk

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Form revised May 5, 2009

FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

Department:	Contact Person/Phone:	DOF Analyst/Phone:
Parks and Recreation	Cathie Andersen/ 684-0190	Jennifer Devore/ 615-1328

Legislation Title:
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- **Summary of the Legislation:**
  This legislation authorizes the acceptance of grant funds made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("ARRA") and increases the 2009 Adopted Budget to authorize new expenditures.

- **Background:**
  The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 allocated $258,583 to eligible recipients to provide support for employment-related services and activities that create and sustain economic growth. The City proposes to use the allocation to provide one-time funding for the Seattle Conservation Corps (SCC) to enhance its outreach to homeless adults and increase training opportunities for program participants. The funds will provide new computers, software and internet access to SCC's learning center; increased rent assistance to homeless adults; program capacity building through the addition of supervisory staff to support an increase in the number of program participants; a feasibility study on green jobs; and increased training opportunities for SCC staff and participants in the emerging green jobs arena. The SCC chose these areas of investment to meet requirements that the ARRA funding be used for activities in three categories: Employment (computer upgrades), Capacity Building (new supervisors, feasibility study and green jobs training), and Emergency Services (rent assistance).

  The SCC is a one-year work experience program for homeless adults and is part of the City of Seattle's Department of Parks and Recreation. SCC, as a Washington State Community Action Agency Partner, received this new ARRA funding as a formula allocation from Community Service Block Grant funding. The SCC application for this funding application was required to cover three categories, Employment, Capacity Building and Emergency Services. In the category of "Employment" SCC will purchase new computers and software to replace the existing outdated equipment and add internet access to its learning center. Under the category of "Emergency Services" SCC will double its ability to provide rent support to program participants. Current funding is inadequate to the need and comes out of program project revenue. This grant will allow SCC to shift project revenue funds to other uses. Under the "Capacity Building" category SCC will hire a consultant to do a feasibility study on green jobs and skills most likely to benefit the SCC business model and make

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participants more job ready. SCC will also expand capacity by filling two existing but unfilled and unfunded supervisor positions in order to support an increased number of participants and will expand training opportunities into green areas indicated by the study. Budget cuts have reduced SCC's ability to do on-the-job training as its budget relies almost entirely on project revenue and this opportunity to provide training to staff and program participants will benefit the program in many ways. The ARRA funding will support the City's efforts to provide the services necessary for homeless adults to establish stable homes and consistent employment and will allow SCC to serve more homeless adults and provide increased services and training for SCC participants.

- *Please check one of the following:*

___ **This legislation does not have any financial implications.**
_X_ **This legislation has financial implications.** *Please complete all relevant sections that follow.)*

Appropriations:

Fund Name and Number	Department	Budget Control Level*	2009 Appropriation	
Operating Fund	Parks and Recreation	K320C	$258,583	
TOTAL			**$258,583**	

***Notes to Appropriations Table*:** Spending the appropriation is contingent upon ARRA funds being granted to the City.

Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement: Resulting From This Legislation:

Fund Name and Number	Department	Revenue Source	2009 Revenue	2010 Revenue
Parks Operating 10200	Parks and Recreation	Community Services Block Grant	$93,836	$164,747
TOTAL			**$93,836**	**$164,747**

Notes: This is a reimbursable grant. SCC will seek reimbursement based on its anticipated spending plan.

Total Regular Positions Created, Modified, Or Abrogated Through This Legislation, Including FTE Impact*:* N/A

Position Title and Department	Position # for Existing Positions	Fund Name & #	PT/FT	2009 Positions	2009 FTE	2010 Positions *	2010 FTE*
TOTAL	**N/A**	**N/A**	**N/A**	**N/A**	**N/A**	**N/A**	**N/A**

Notes: Positions needed to build capacity exist in the budget but are currently unfilled and unfunded.

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- **Do positions sunset in the future?** N/A

Spending/Cash Flow:

Fund Name & #	Department	Budget Control Level*	2009 Expenditures	2010 Anticipated Expenditures
Parks Operating 10200	Parks and Recreation	Seattle Conservation Corps BCL (K320C)	$93,836	$164,747
TOTAL			**$93,836**	**$164,747**

Notes: See Attachment A for detailed spending plan.

- **What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?** Without this legislation, the City will not receive $258,583 in revenue to support the SCC's mission to reduce homelessness and provide homeless adults with training opportunities and services to help them establish stable homes and jobs.

- **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?** No

  What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives? Acceptance of the grant award is a prerequisite for the receipt of these federal economic stimulus funds. There are no alternatives that could achieve the same or similar objectives.

- **Is the legislation subject to public hearing requirements:** No

- **Other Issues** None

Please list attachments to the fiscal note below:
Attachment A: Seattle Conservation Corps ARRA Funding Spending Plan

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Seattle Conservation Corps ARRA Funding Spending Plan

ARRA Category	Amount	Description	2009 Expenditures	2010 Expenditures	Total Expenditures
Employment	$20,000	Computers, software and internet access	$20,000	$0	$20,000
Emergency Services	$30,000	Rent assistance for homeless program participants	$10,000	$20,000	$30,000
Capacity Building	$20,000	Marketing, Feasibility Study	$20,000	$0	$20,000
Capacity Building	$61,370	SCC Supervisor Salary and Benefits	$21,918	$39,452	$61,370
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Capacity Building	$65,843	Training - Staff and participants	$0	$65,844	$65,844
Total			$93,836	$164,747	$258,583

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City of Seattle

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Office of the Mayor

August 25, 2009

Honorable Richard Conlin
President
Seattle City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor

Dear Council President Conlin:

I am pleased to transmit the attached proposed Council Bill, which accepts $258,583 in federal stimulus Community Services Block Grant funds allocated through the Washington State Department of Commerce. The Council Bill also increases appropriations to reflect the anticipated receipt and expenditure of these funds.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 allocated $258,583 to the Seattle Conservation Corps (SCC) through a formula grant allocation process to support employment-related services and activities that create and sustain economic growth. This grant will provide new computers, software, and internet access to SCC's learning center; increased rent assistance to homeless adults; program capacity building by funding supervisory staff to increase client participation; a feasibility study on green jobs; and increased training opportunities for SCC staff and participants in the emerging green jobs arena. The SCC chose these areas of investment to meet requirements that the ARRA grant be used to fund activities in three categories: employment (computer upgrades), program capacity-building (new supervisors, feasibility study and green jobs training), and emergency services (rent assistance).

ARRA funds will support the City's efforts to serve a larger number of homeless adults, provide the services necessary for homeless adults to establish stable homes, and allow SCC to provide increased services and training opportunities for SCC participants. Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Cathie Andersen at 684-0190.

Sincerely,

GREG NICKELS
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council

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