

Green New Deal Oversight Board

April 21, 2025
Public Meeting

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Staff Updates



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Upcoming Events

- **EO to update the Climate Action Plan:** TOMORROW, 4/22
- **Earth Day/Month Events!**
- **GNDOB Field Trip:** Tentatively set for June 6. More information / calendar hold to come



See you tomorrow at the CAP Executive Order Signing!

- **When:** 4/22 at 10am but plan to arrive early
- **Where:** Georgetown Mini-Mart

Our very own Emily Pinckney will be speaking!



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Community Assembly Article – Grist

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Communities of Opportunity

Looking to create effective climate change policy? Ask the community.

In Seattle, community assemblies are gathering frontline community members to set their own policies around extreme weather.

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Board Appointments Process Underway

- Special thank you to Matt & Nancy!
- We have reviewed all the applications & will have interviews happening in late April / early May.
- Undergoing Tribal engagement for the Tribal Representative seat
- Goal is to have most* new Board members appointed by end of June

*Tribal Representative seat will be filled through a Tribal engagement process & will happen on a different timeline



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Upcoming: Board Stipends

- In May, staff will share more information on the Board stipends process to get stipends for your participation on the Board from January – June
- Includes Board members who are terming out in June



PPP Committee Updates



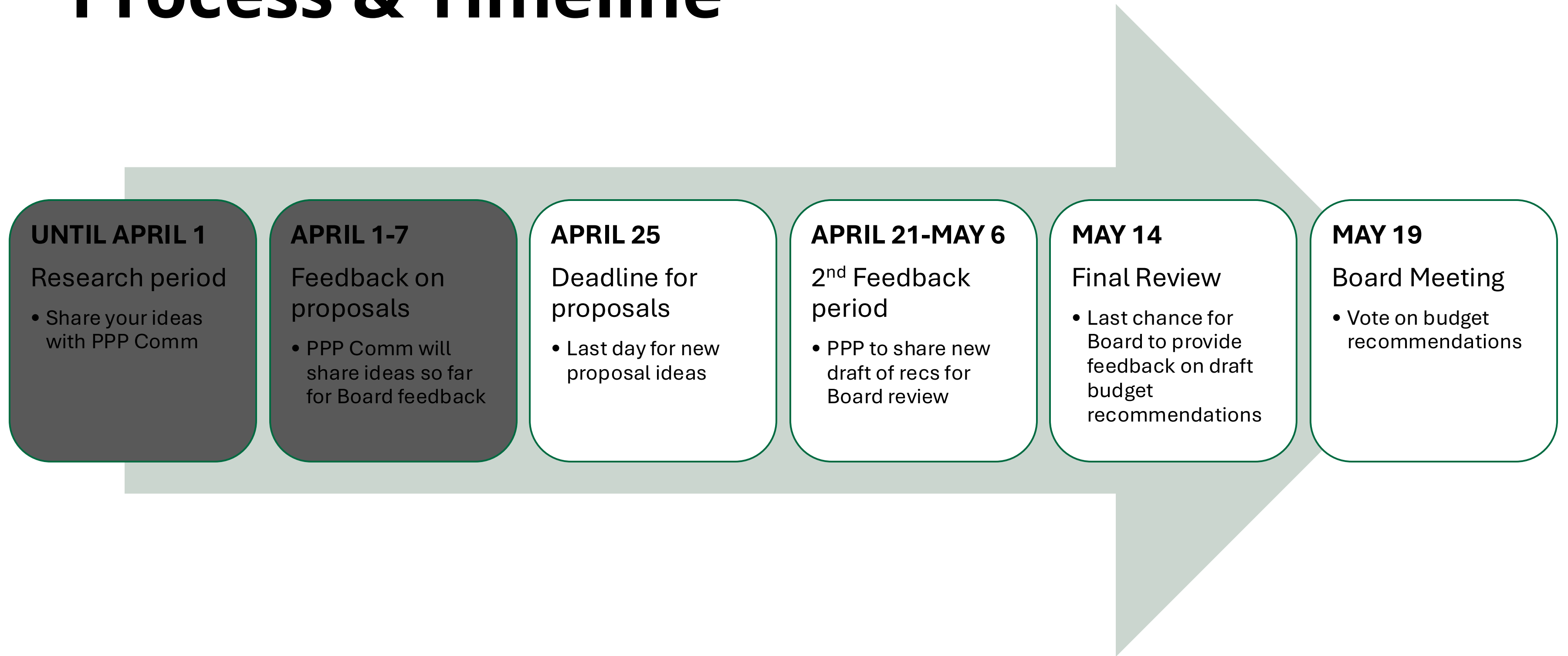
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Budget Recommendations Information

- PPP Committee will be gathering input & feedback from the full Board throughout the process – **PPP Committee wants to hear from all Board members**
- Deadline to adopt recommendations is **May 19**
- Second year of a budget biennium, during a budget deficit
- The Board has multiple levers & avenues for influence



Tentative Budget Recommendation Process & Timeline



Immediate Next Steps

PPP Committee to source & submit all budget recommendations ideas by Friday, April 25.

PPP Committee will then work to categorize ideas:

1. Be turned into a proposal for this budget cycle
2. Be considered for a future budget cycle
3. Be considered for a recommendation for the climate action plan update
4. Something else

(These categories aren't mutually exclusive)

What ideas have you heard from other Board members?

- NH: Hannah - interest for resilience hub funding and sustained funding for community assemblies

What ideas have you heard from community/external partners?

- NH: Interest in EDIxResilienceHub crossover for community owned/led resilience hubs
- NH: Community advisory for city-owned resilience hubs
- NH: Interest in “recovery” piece of resilience
- NH: Investments for SHA housing facilities in the southend for building repairs and efficiency upgrades (prioritize buildings built before 2010?)
- SG: Invest in supporting minority and women owned contractors to perform energy upgrades and related work, and the connection of contractors to programs funded by the city.

What ideas have you heard from community/external partners? Cont...

- SG: much of the GND budget goes to electrifying city buildings or making them more energy efficient. I think that upgrading buildings in general should not be in the GND budget but GND funds should be used to invest above energy code.
- SG: many years some GND funding is used for ST3 Transit funding. This seems like it might be only a small part of the total Transit funding and is just a way to fill a funding gap rather than invest in new important programs that would otherwise not be funded.
- SG: Interest in educating the public about heat pumps, their benefits, rebates available. What is being done by SCL and could this be coordinated with them?
- SG: Study the needs of low-income owners and renters for weatherization and electrification services, how much has been accomplished, how much remains to be done, how much will it cost (in coordination with existing programs and funding), and how can these retrofits be completed in the next 10 years.

What GND funded programs would you like to continue to see sustained funding for?

- Clean Buildings Accelerator
- Clean Heat Program
- Clean Energy Apprenticeships
- Environmental Justice Fund



What ideas do you have for low cost budget items that might lay the foundation for future investments?

- NO: Low-cost budget items that lay the groundwork for future investments could focus on three categories of work: community engagement, policy development/recommendations, and pilot initiatives that create momentum for larger programs. For example:
 - Small-scale climate justice, circular economy, and sustainable building/planning workshops and educational opportunities for future aspiring green jobs and students.
 - Neighborhood resource guides translated in multiple languages and are culturally appropriate that directs communities to resilience hubs in the event of a climate emergency, community gardens, sustainability organizations, low-cost/subsidized home retrofit programs, etc.
 - Feasibility studies and assessments on microgrids, community-led solar or other energy efficiency programs.
 - Explore microgrants for small businesses adopting zero waste practices such support for implementing the WA State Organics Management Law, or support with meeting BEPS requirements and other energy efficiency upgrades and sustainable practices. Perhaps microgrants for frontline community based projects and programs.

What ideas do you have for low cost budget items that might lay the foundation for future investments? Cont...

- Peter: Could we do a small pilot project about mechanical insulation inspections? The pilot would have a few goals:
 - Assess whether inspections can really catch bursting pipes before they occur
 - Try to assess the value of this intervention
 - Try to assess the cost of this intervention
 - Try to assess whether there is a revenue model where these inspections could somehow pay for themselves through a mix of energy savings and avoided flooding damage.
 - Try to meet with the City's own relevant insurers to learn more about flood risk from freezing pipes and the financial implications of this risk for the City and insurers
 - Assess whether having a mechanical insulation inspector be included on energy audits for the purpose of BEPS and BPS compliance is an effective model
- Steve G: We need to understand the needs for weatherization and electrification of low-income owners and residents and have a plan to support all of this work so that we can achieve our climate goals and anti-displacement goals. **Fund a study** to understand the need, what has been accomplished and how to complete the job.

What ideas do you have around City funding mechanisms for climate/GND investments?

- Define what we think is a GND expenditure (e.g., Climate issues that will lead to equitable climate solutions)jv
- Once we do the above, determine how to fund, what portion of Payroll Tax or other funding goes to these expenditures.

Any other ideas? This could be a new category of recommendations or could be ideas that you decide to table for future action (e.g., recs for the Climate Action Plan).

- [Peter] The capital investments as they are presented, seem a little scattered and random. They would be hard to recognize and celebrate with grassroots stakeholder constituencies like union members and climate organization active volunteers. Maybe we could see if it possible to re-work these systems in a way that would give us better stories to tell, while also not causing too much hardship for existing programs who are expecting these funds.



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Seattle City Budget Process: Overview

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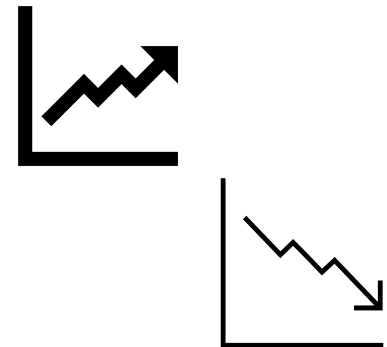
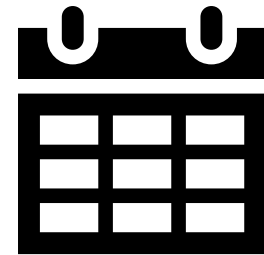
Agenda

Budget Overview

Budget Process

City Budget Basics

- Mayor proposes an annual budget, Council amends and passes
- Budget governs appropriation levels for all City spending
- Available City resources are based on economic forecasts
 - Projected City revenue dictates the amount that can be budgeted
 - City is legally required to balance budget.



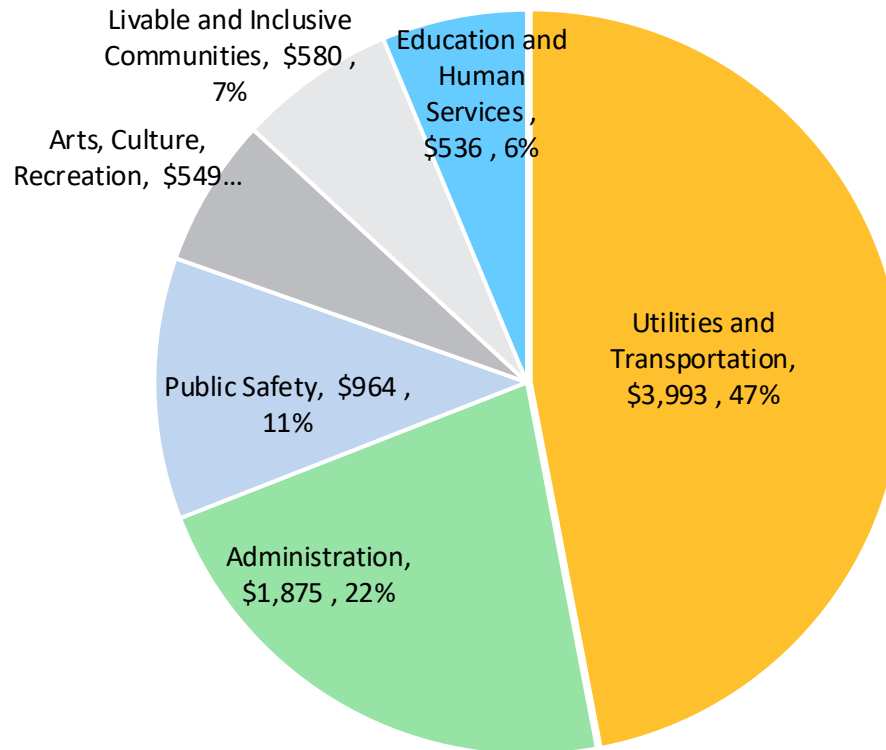
Typical Budget Process Timeline



- The Proposed Budget is developed by the City Budget Office and the Mayor's Office between June and September, based on economic and revenue forecasts, department-proposed changes, and mayoral priorities.

Expenditures

2025 Adopted Budget: \$8.5 Billion Total Funds by Program Area



PET Breakdown

Payroll Expense Tax	2025 Adopted	2026 Endorsed
TOTAL	\$ 542 mil	\$ 504 mil
Transfer to General Fund	\$ 305 mil	\$ 265 mil
Youth Mental Health and Violence Prevention	\$19 mil	\$15 mil
Jumpstart Priorities	\$ 217 mil	\$ 224 mil
<i>Green New Deal</i>	<i>\$ 18.5 mil</i>	<i>\$ 19.3 mil</i>

Major Operating Revenues

- Major revenue sources for the General Fund include Property Tax, Sales and Use Tax, and taxes on the Utilities.
- The April 2025 revenue forecast revises projections for several major taxes **down** for 2025 and 2026 compared to the Adopted Budget.
- Next revenue forecasts in August and November.

April 2025 Revenue Forecast (\$ Millions)		
	2025	2026
General Fund Revenues	\$1,596.3	\$1,627.5
<i>Change from Nov 2024</i>	<i>-\$10.2</i>	<i>-\$40.2</i>
Payroll Expense Tax	\$359.2	\$380.0
<i>Change from Nov 2024</i>	<i>-\$81.3</i>	<i>-\$86.1</i>

Revenue Update

- For more on Revenue Forecast see:
 - [Seattle Office of Economic and Revenue Forecasting](#)
 - Link to [April 10 Economic and Revenue Update](#)
 - April 16 [Economic and Revenue Update to City Council](#)

Questions?

