

2012 Library Levy

Department Overview

In August 2012, Seattle voters approved a seven-year, \$123 million levy to support, maintain and improve core Library services. The City Librarian and the Library Board of Trustees prepare annual progress reports that show how levy proceeds have been used each year.

The 2012 Library Levy allows the Library to increase hours, purchase more books and materials, upgrade public computers and online services, and improve building maintenance. Without the approved levy, the Library would have had to delay important maintenance and public technology investments and make reductions to collections and open hours. The levy supports four priority areas identified through a public process that engaged nearly 39,000 residents: open hours, the collection of books and materials, computers and online services, and building maintenance. As part of this planning process, the Library developed a Strategic Plan that supports reading, personal growth, education, access to information, empowerment of Seattle's neighborhoods, building partnerships and innovation and five action-oriented Service Priorities: youth and family learning; technology and access; community engagement; Seattle culture and history; and reimagined spaces.

The 2012 Library Levy supports the following categories of library services (dollar amounts reflect preliminary 2016 allocations. Final 2016 allocations will be approved by the Library Board of Trustees as part of the 2016 Library Operating Plan):

Hours and Access: The levy provides approximately \$3.4 million in 2016 to increase operating hours (over 2012 levels) at branch libraries and bolster reference services to support patrons at branches and the Central Library. Funding also provides support for operational functions that support open hours, such as security services, technology support, and maintenance.

Collections: The levy provides approximately \$2.6 million in 2016 to add to the variety and depth of the Library's collection to better meet patron demand for material in all formats. The collections component of the levy also funds a significant increase in purchasing of downloadable materials such as e-books, and more copies of popular materials in print, digital and other formats.

Technology/Online Services: The levy provides approximately \$1.2 million in 2016 to replace and upgrade computers and technology infrastructure that was purchased during the Libraries for All (LFA) capital program, providing users access to up-to-date technology tools and resources. The levy also funds improvements to online services to ensure patrons can successfully find and use online material through the Library's online platform.

Regular maintenance: The levy provides approximately \$1.3 million in 2016 for regular maintenance to sustain the public's investment in the Central Library and 26 branches that were constructed or remodeled as a result of the 1998 LFA bond measure. Seattle's libraries are among the most heavily used public buildings in the city and require additional resources as they age in order to preserve environments that are safe, clean and welcoming.

Major maintenance: The levy provides approximately \$2.2 million in 2016 for sustained stewardship of library facilities. Prior to the levy, the Library's capital improvement program (CIP) was largely funded by allocations from the City's Real Estate Excise Tax (REET). Levy funds have largely replaced REET funding for Library major maintenance throughout the system. REET now provides funding for projects beyond the intended scope of the levy. Included in the levy scope for major maintenance is maintenance necessary for building components such as roofs, floors, finishes, HVAC and mechanical systems. It does not include any funding for new or expanded library space.

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Additionally, the levy provides approximately \$4.6 million in 2016 to maintain existing core functions and services at 2012 levels and an average of \$280,000 annually to support implementation and accountability measures for levy programs and annual reporting to the public on levy outcomes.

The 2012 Library Levy Fund chapter of the budget is used to show the approved uses of the levy. The dollar amounts reflected above are preliminary and will be finalized in the 2016 Library Operations Plan which will be adopted by the Library Board of Trustees in December 2015. Levy funds to support the Library's operations are transferred to the Library's operating fund and the appropriations are shown in the Library's section of the 2016 Proposed Budget. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) spending for major maintenance is made directly from the Levy Fund and all CIP appropriations are reflected in the Library's section of the Proposed CIP Budget.

Budget Overview

The 2016 Proposed Budget makes no significant changes to the 2012 Library Levy.

Incremental Budget Changes

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	2016 Budget
Total 2016 Endorsed Budget	\$ 13,665,837

2016 Proposed Budget	\$ 13,665,837
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Expenditure Overview

Appropriations	Summit Code	2014 Actuals	2015 Adopted	2016 Endorsed	2016 Proposed
Library Levy Operating Transfer	18100-B9TRF	12,560,843	13,139,976	13,665,837	13,665,837
Library Levy Capital*	18100	1,516,081	3,148,000	3,242,000	2,242,000
Department Total		14,076,924	16,287,976	16,907,837	15,907,837

*Capital Improvement Program (CIP) spending is made directly from the Levy Fund and all CIP appropriations are reflected in the Library section of the Proposed CIP Budget.

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Revenue Overview

2016 Estimated Revenues

Summit Code	Source	2014 Actuals	2015 Adopted	2016 Endorsed	2016 Proposed
411100	Levy Revenue	17,081,846	17,168,000	17,340,000	17,340,000
461110	Interest Earnings	65,534	0	0	50,000
	Total Levy	17,147,380	17,168,000	17,340,000	17,390,000
	Total Revenues	17,147,380	17,168,000	17,340,000	17,390,000
379100	Use of (Contribution to) Fund Balance	-3,070,456	-880,024	-432,163	-1,482,163
	Total Levy	-3,070,456	-880,024	-432,163	-1,482,163
	Total Resources	14,076,924	16,287,976	16,907,837	15,907,837

Appropriations By Program

Library Levy Operating Transfer

The purpose of the Library Levy Operating Transfer program is to transfer funds to the Library Fund (10410) for library operations. This program is funded by Library Levy dollars (Fund 18100).

Program Expenditures	2014 Actuals	2015 Adopted	2016 Endorsed	2016 Proposed
Library Levy Operating Transfer	12,560,843	13,139,976	13,665,837	13,665,837
Total	12,560,843	13,139,976	13,665,837	13,665,837

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2012 Library Levy Fund Table

2012 Library Levy Fund (18100)

	2014 Actuals	2015 Adopted	2015 Revised	2016 Endorsed	2016 Proposed
Beginning Fund Balance	4,912,284	2,549,328	8,033,216	3,429,352	4,404,930
Accounting and Technical Adjustments	50,476	0	0	0	0
Plus: Actual and Estimated Revenues	17,147,380	17,168,000	17,218,000	17,340,000	17,390,000
Less: Actual and Budgeted Expenditures	12,560,843	13,139,976	14,273,345	13,665,837	13,665,837
Less: Capital Improvements	1,516,081	3,148,000	6,572,941	3,242,000	2,242,000
Ending Fund Balance	8,033,216	3,429,352	4,404,930	3,861,515	5,887,093
Levy Reserve for Future Use	2,553,000	2,775,448	4,000,309	2,677,039	2,677,039
Planning Reserve		189,937	146,157	619,720	440,299
Total Reserves	2,553,000	2,965,385	4,146,466	3,296,759	3,117,338
Ending Unreserved Fund Balance	5,480,216	463,967	258,464	564,756	2,769,755