

## **CONSENT ITEM (RESOLUTION 26-04-10)**

April 9, 2026

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### **Seattle Central College – local capital expenditure authority for Energy Retrofit for Public Buildings Grant**

#### **Brief Description**

Seattle Central College seeks approval to spend up to \$4,000,000 in Washington State Department of Commerce grant funds to complete energy retrofit project for the Seattle Central campus in support of implementation of conversion to heat pumps.

#### **How does this item link to the State Board’s Strategic Plan?**

This project advances the State Board’s Strategic Plan by improving the energy efficiency and sustainability of college facilities, reducing long term operating costs, and supporting the system’s commitment to responsible stewardship of public resources while maintaining high quality learning environments for students increasing access and retention to populations who can benefit most from college.

#### **Background information and analysis**

Seattle Central College received \$4,000,000 in grant funding from the Washington State Department of Commerce for Project 40000670, an Energy Retrofit project authorized under [SSB 5195, Section 1016\(6\)](#), The project and associated local expenditure authority were approved by Seattle Central College’s President on August 21, 2025.

The project includes conversion work that will enable Seattle City Light to install larger transformers and implement required load-shed controls. These improvements support the college’s EcoDistrict project plan to convert the central plant to heat pump technology and permanently disconnect from the purchased steam utility connection.

#### **Recommendation/preferred result**

State Board staff recommend approval of Resolution 26-04-10 giving Seattle Central College’s authority to spend up to \$4,000,000 in Washington State Department of Commerce grant funds to complete an energy retrofit project at the Seattle Central campus in support of the conversion to heat pumps.

Policy Manual Change Yes  No

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**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES  
RESOLUTION 26-04-10**

A resolution relating to Seattle Central College's request to spend up to \$4,000,000 Department of Commerce grant funds to complete Energy Retrofit project for the Seattle Central campus in support of implementation of conversion to heat pumps.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to RCW 28B.50 and State Board policy, 6.20 the State Board any expenditure of capital funds, any expenditure for a capital purpose, and each capital improvement project affecting educational facilities, must be approved by the State Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Seattle Central College received grant funds, from Department of Commerce grant, of \$4,000,000 for project 40000670 to complete an Energy Retrofit project as approved [SSB 5195, Section 1016\(6\)](#); and

**WHEREAS**, the project was approved by Seattle Central College's President on August 21, 2025; and


**WHEREAS**, the project supports the conversion of building systems to heat pumps and require Seattle City Light to install larger transformers and implement required load-shed controls, enabling the college to eliminate its purchased steam utility connection; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes Seattle Central College to spend up to \$4,000,000 in Washington State Department of Commerce grant funds for the energy retrofit project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes the Executive Director to make adjustments to this action, including any necessary changes to the State Board's Policy Manual, as necessary, for actions taken by the Governor, Legislature, data corrections, externally imposed restrictions or guidelines, uniform accounting and reporting requirements, and unanticipated changes in state or federal law.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** on (04/09/2026)

Attest



Nate Humphrey, secretary



Martin Valadez, chair