

CONSENT ITEM (RESOLUTION 26-08-28)

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Seattle Central College – local capital expenditure authority for Building Electrification Grant

Brief Description

Seattle Central College seeks approval to spend up to an additional \$1,126,844 in Washington State Department of Commerce grant funds, to complete the Energy Retrofit project for the Seattle Central campus in support of the conversion to heat pump systems.

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 and supporting increased access and retention for populations that can benefit most from postsecondary education.

Background information and analysis

Seattle Central College currently has \$11,000,000 in state funds for project 40001348, EcoDistrict Decarbonization, under [SSB 6003, Section 5026](#) and State Board Resolution 26-04-12. The college previously received authority to spend \$4,000,000 in Washington State Department of Commerce grant funding for project 40000670, an Energy Retrofit project authorized under [SSB 5195, Section 1016\(6\)](#) and State Board Resolution 26-04-10. The college has received an additional \$1,126,844 in Department of Commerce grant funding to improve facility efficiency and operations and addresses related energy needs associated with the campus electrification effort.

Recommendation/preferred result

State Board staff recommend approval of Resolution 26-08-28 giving Seattle Central College's authority to spend up to an additional \$1,126,844 in Washington State Department of Commerce grant funds to complete the Energy Retrofit project and enhance overall facility efficiency and operations.

Policy Manual Change Yes ☐ No ☒

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STATE OF WASHINGTON

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES

RESOLUTION 26-08-28

A resolution relating to Seattle Central College's request to spend up to an additional \$1,126,844 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.

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

WHEREAS, Seattle Central College has received \$11,000,000 in state funding for EcoDistrict Decarbonization project 40001348 authorized under [SSB 6003, Section 5026](#), State Board Resolution 26-04-12; and

WHEREAS, Seattle Central College previously received authority to spend \$4,000,000 in Washington State Department of Commerce grant funds for the Energy Retrofit project, 40000670, authorized under [SSB 5195, Section 1016\(6\)](#), State Board Resolution 26-04-10; and

WHEREAS, the project was approved by the Vice President of Administrative Services on June 8, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the project supports improvements to facility efficiency and operations and addresses related energy needs; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes Seattle Central College to spend up to an additional \$1,126,844 in Washington State Department of Commerce grant funds for the Energy Retrofit project to enhance overall facility efficiency and operations; 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 (08/19/2026)

Attest



Nate Humphrey, secretary



Martin Valadez, chair