

1 **MOTION 2020-14:**  
2 **A MOTION OF THE PORT OF SEATTLE COMMISSION**

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4 To support the creation of the Environment and  
5 Sustainability Grants Program under the South King County  
6 Fund

7 **PROPOSED**  
8 **JUNE 9, 2020**

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10 **INTRODUCTION**

11 In November of 2016 the Port of Seattle Commission directed the creation of a \$1,000,000  
12 Airport Community Ecology (ACE) Fund to support projects and programs in Sea-Tac Airport-area  
13 communities to improve ecological and environmental attributes in airport-area communities.  
14 The motion named the cities of Sea-Tac, Des Moines, and Burien as the focus of the ACE Fund.

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16 The ACE Fund has been very successful in funding community projects on public property led by  
17 small non-profits and local groups around the airport. The success of the program has led the  
18 Executive Director to support the creation of Environment and Sustainability Grants Program  
19 under the South King County Fund (SKCF) to immediately bolster the Port of Seattle's COVID-19  
20 Recovery efforts. This motion supports that recommendation.

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22 The Environment and Sustainability Grants Program will include the communities of Sea-Tac, Des  
23 Moines, Burien, Federal Way, Tukwila and Normandy Park, while adhering to the geographic  
24 designation under the SKCF principles. The current ACE Fund will continue to operate as it was  
25 established until all of those funds are expended on projects within the cities of Sea-Tac, Des  
26 Moines, and Burien.

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28 **TEXT OF THE MOTION**

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30 The Port Commission hereby supports Executive Director's recommendation to designate a  
31 portion of the SKCF to advance the environmental strategies of the fund as the Environment and  
32 Sustainability Grants Program.

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34 **STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION**

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36 RCW 35.21.278 is the RCW that explicitly outlines the Port's the power to engage in the "ACE  
37 Fund" activities and remains our strongest option for providing environmental grants to  
38 community groups.

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40 The creation of the Environment and Sustainability Grants Program under the SKCF will adhere  
41 to the eight guiding principles of the SKCF, including focus on community input and equity.

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43 ACE has provided tremendous community benefits to Burien, Des Moines and SeaTac. Despite  
44 challenges such as the 3:1 match, stakeholders are overwhelmingly in support of continuing the

45 ACE Fund and of creating a new program with expanded geographic boundaries. This program  
46 is one of the only environmental grant programs that specifically targets South King County.

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48 The Port will continue to explore new and innovative options for environmental investments  
49 using South King County Community Fund dollars, including expanding green jobs workforce  
50 development initiatives.

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52 **ATTACHMENTS:**

53 Presentation Slides