

# 2022 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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SDCI	011	B	001

**Budget Action Title:** Add \$400,000 GF to SDCI for tenant services contracts

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Kshama Sawant

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Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

## Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2022 Increase (Decrease)	2023 Increase (Decrease)
<b>General Fund</b>		
<b>General Fund Revenues</b>	\$0	
<b>General Fund Expenditures</b>	\$400,000	
<b>Net Balance Effect</b>	<b>\$(400,000)</b>	
<b>Total Budget Balance Effect</b>	<b>\$(400,000)</b>	

## Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action would add \$400,000 GF to the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) for tenant outreach, education, and other services.

The 2022 Proposed Budget would appropriate \$615,000 for tenant services grants. Those grants fund services such as tenant education, eviction defense, case management, and tenant counseling. Grantees in 2021, include, but are not limited to, the Housing Justice Project, Interim CDA, Solid Ground, LGBTQ Allyship, the Tenants Union, and United Indians of All Tribes.

In 2021, both the City and the State of Washington enacted laws providing a right-to-counsel for eviction defense. Implementing the City's right-to-counsel ordinance could require more than the allocation in the 2022 Proposed Budget, which is \$605,000. The increment of potential additional funding for eviction legal defense could come from the baseline budget of \$615,000 for tenant services. However, that

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would require reduced funding for other types of tenant services.

## Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Add funding for tenant services and outreach		0	0	SDCI - CI000	SDCI - BO-CI-U2400 - Compliance	00100 - General Fund	2022	\$0	\$400,000