

2020 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Agenda

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SDCI	8	A	1

Budget Action Title: Add \$84,000 GF (one-time) to SDCI for a landlord history resource

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No

Primary Sponsor: Kshama Sawant

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Ketil Freeman

Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	BH	KS	AP	DJ	MO	SB	TM	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2020 Increase (Decrease)	2021 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$84,000	
Net Balance Effect	\$(84,000)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(84,000)	

Budget Action Description:

This Budget Action adds \$84,000 GF to the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) Compliance BCL to contract for the creation of an online search tool that will allow renters and prospective renters to check the history of landlords and rental housing units. The search tool should provide information about Housing Code violations associated with a rental unit and a landlord's history evicting or attempting to evict tenants. In 2018, Councilmember Sawant's office contracted with Be:Seattle for this tool to be developed for rental housing within District 3. The estimated cost for expanding that to include the rental housing in other council districts is \$14,000 for each council district.

The 2020 Endorsed and Proposed Budgets include an ongoing appropriation of \$615,000 for tenant services grants and contracts. SDCI will recomplete tenant service grants and contracts in 2020. In 2019 the Council appropriated \$150,000 to fund creation of Renting in Seattle, an online resource to help renters understand their legal rights.

2020 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Agenda

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SDCI	8	A	1

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Add appropriation for landlord history resource		0	0	SDCI - CI000	SDCI - BO-CI-U2400 - Compliance	00100 - General Fund	2020	\$0	\$84,000