

2020 Seattle City Council Budget Action

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Budget Action Title: Add \$607,000 GF (ongoing) to SDCI for renter organizing and outreach

Ongoing: Yes 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	\$607,000	
Net Balance Effect	\$(607,000)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(607,000)	

Budget Action Description:

This Budget Action adds \$607,000 GF (ongoing) to the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) Compliance BSL to contract with community-based organizations for renter outreach, education, and organizing. Of the appropriation, the Council expects that the funding would be contracted as follows:

- \$100,000 to a non-profit organization with experience organizing LGBTQ renters to aid LGBTQ seniors;
- \$107,000 to a non-profit organization with experience organizing renter “know your rights” forums, such as the “Renter Rights Boot Camps” organized by Be:Seattle;
- \$200,000 to a non-profit organization, such as the Tenants Union of Washington, which provides renter advocacy services, to fund the establishment of building-based tenant associations; and

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- \$200,000 to a non-profit organization, such as WACAN, with experience doing direct outreach to renters, such as door-knocking to help renters build capacity and advocacy.

Consistent with the 2020 Endorsed Budget, the proposed budget includes an ongoing appropriation of \$615,000 GF for tenant services grants and contracts. The 2019 Adopted Budget also included \$96,000 GF (one-time) for eviction defense legal services. That one-time appropriation is not included in the proposed budget. SDCI will recompetete tenant service grants and contracts in 2020.

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Increase appropriation for renter organizing and outreach		0	0	SDCI - CI000	SDCI - BO-CI-U2400 - Compliance	00100 - General Fund	2020	\$0	\$607,000