

2023 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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SDCI	002	B	001-2023

Budget Action Title: Add \$450,000 GF (2023) and \$450,000 GF (2024) to SDCI for eviction legal defense

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Kshama Sawant

Council Members: Tammy Morales, Andrew Lewis

Staff Analyst: Ketil Freeman

Council Bill or Resolution:

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

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2023 Increase (Decrease)	2024 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	\$0
General Fund Expenditures	\$450,000	\$450,000
Net Balance Effect	\$(450,000)	\$(450,000)
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(450,000)	\$(450,000)

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action would add \$450,000 GF (2023) and \$450,000 GF (2024) to the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) to increase proposed funding for eviction prevention services.

The 2023-2024 Proposed Budget would appropriate \$2.12 million for tenant services grants and contracts for each year of the biennium. This is the same level of funding in the 2022 Adopted Budget. Awardees this year include the Housing Justice Project, Catholic Community Services - Tenant Law Center, the Tenants Union, Villa Comunitaria, Solid Ground, Be:Seattle, the West African Community Council, Interim Community Development Association, LGBTQ Allyship, and the United Indians of All Tribes.

In 2022, SDCI awarded approximately \$1.2 million for eviction legal defense. This year the Housing

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Justice Project has represented approximately 700 clients in eviction proceedings, which is more than the 300 clients anticipated by the 2022 Adopted Budget.

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Increase appropriation for eviction legal defense		0	0	SDCI - CI000	SDCI - BO-CI-U2400 - Compliance	00100 - General Fund	2023	\$0	\$450,000
2	Increase appropriation for eviction legal defense		0	0	SDCI - CI000	SDCI - BO-CI-U2400 - Compliance	00100 - General Fund	2024	\$0	\$450,000