2018 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Add \$50,000 GSF to OPCD for an Accessory Dwelling Unit website

Ongoing: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: No

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Councilmembers: Bagshaw; Johnson

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Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	SB	KH	LG	ВН	LH	RJ	DJ	МО	KS
	Yes										
	No										
	Abstain										
	Absent										

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2017 Increase (Decrease)	2018 Increase (Decrease)		
General Subfund				
General Subfund Revenues	\$0	\$0		
General Subfund Expenditures	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>		
Net Balance Effect	\$0	(\$50,000)		
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$0	(\$50,000)		

Budget Action description:

This green sheet would \$50,000 GSF in one-time funding to the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) for consultant and Seattle Information Technology assistance with the development of a comprehensive website to provide information for individuals interested in creating affordable Accessory Dwelling Units.

Background

Affordability in housing is one of the biggest issues in Seattle today. The City has identified the need for providing a mix of housing types at prices accessible to people at all levels of income, both for homeowners and renters. Backyard cottages, or Detached Accessory Dwelling Units (DADUs,) and in-law apartments, or Attached Accessory Dwelling Units (AADUs), have the potential to provide lower-cost housing options in neighborhoods where homes are often unaffordable to many people. The City is currently working on an

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environmental impact statement with the intent of considering legislation during 2018 to encourage development of more DADUs and ADUs.

In the meantime, other public and private organizations are exploring additional opportunities for interested homeowners to participate in creating affordable housing. The Office of Housing (OH) is considering programmatic opportunities to create rent/income restricted units and address the needs of low-income homeowners to create additional units/income to curb displacement risk. Additionally, OH is looking into financing tools for interested homeowners.

The City can help make it easier for homeowners to access information and resources for how to get started on building an ADU through a thoughtful, interactive, and comprehensive website. This green sheet would provide funding to create a website with features such as geographic information about lot eligibility for their specific parcel, pre-approved plans, resources for individuals interested in creating affordable units, and connections to organizations with financing tools. It would be a one-stop-shop that can evolve as legislation and programmatic work continues to develop over time. This website could be modeled on examples such as Austin's Alley Flats Initiative.

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Budget Action Transactions

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#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BCL or Revenue Source	Summit Code	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Increase GSF for ADU				OPCD	Planning and	X2P00	00100	2018		\$50,000
	website					Community					
						Development					