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The green sheet also imposes the following budget proviso:

“Of the appropriation in the 2019 budget for the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections’ (SDCI) Code Compliance BSL, \$461,000 is appropriated solely for contracts with community organizations for tenant services and outreach and may be spent for no other purpose. Furthermore, none of the money so appropriated may be spent until SDCI files a copy of a new RFP with the City Clerk that includes requests for proposals from organizations with experience in conducting proactive tenant outreach including door-to-door outreach and engagement focused on reaching low-income renters, LGBTQ renters, and communities of color.”

The intent of imposing a proviso on only a portion of the funds intended for contracts with community organizations is to provide \$154,000 of funding to extend the current contracts through the first quarter of 2019 while SDCI conducts the RFP process to rebid contracts for the remainder of 2019 and in future years. Redirecting the funding to SDCI better aligns tenant services and outreach strategies with the Renting in Seattle (tenant/landlord resource center) that is managed by SDCI’s Code Compliance division. Adding 1 FTE will provide the necessary resources for SDCI to:

- Review grant effectiveness, community needs, and new priorities to inform development of the RFP;
- Develop goals, outcomes and evaluation criteria to include in the RFP and future contracts;
- Convene a rating panel to evaluate proposals and select grant recipients;
- Negotiate contracts, including measurable outcomes, with organizations selected for funding; and
- Following contract awards, review performance reports and reimbursement requests, maintain coordination with the service providers (likely including regular service provider meetings), perform auditing functions, report on performance, and look ahead for opportunities for service improvements.

Background

In 2018, HSD contracted with three organizations to provide tenant services for a total amount of \$614,875 (GF). The Executive’s Proposed Budget anticipates funding the same organizations at the same level in 2019. Of the \$614,000 provided in 2018, \$200,000 was added by the Council to expand the contracts for tenant services to include working with community organizations with extensive experience in direct door-to-door outreach and engagement in neighborhoods with low-income renters and communities of color. However, the contracts were not modified to include these services and no new organizations were included.

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Budget Action Transactions

Budget Action Title: Cut \$615,000 GF in 2019 and \$615,000 GF in 2020 from HSD's budget, add \$746,000 GF in 2019 and \$747,000 GF in 2020 to SDCI for tenant outreach and services, add a position, and impose a proviso

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BCL or Revenue Source	Summit Code	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Cut \$615,000 GF from HSD for tenant services				HSD	Addressing Homelessness	BO-HS-H3000	00100	2019		(\$615,000)
2	Cut \$615,000 GF from HSD for tenant services				HSD	Addressing Homelessness	BO-HS-H3000	00100	2020		(\$615,000)
3	Increase GF appropriation for staffing and contracts with community organizations for tenant services	Plng&Dev Spec,Sr - FT	1	1	SDCI	Compliance	BO-CI-U2400	00100	2019		\$746,000
4	Increase GF appropriation for staffing and contracts with community organizations for tenant services				SDCI	Compliance	BO-CI-U2400	00100	2020		\$747,000