

2023 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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Budget Action Title: Add \$1 million GF (2023) to SDCI for rental assistance to be administered in conjunction with eviction prevention

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Teresa Mosqueda

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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	\$1,000,000	\$0
Net Balance Effect	\$(1,000,000)	\$0
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(1,000,000)	\$0

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action would add \$1 million GF (one-time) to the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) in 2023 for rental assistance grants. The Council expects rental assistance to be provided to households facing eviction by organizations providing 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. In 2022, awardees 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.

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SDCI currently administers programs that provide direct payments to households facing displacement through programs such as Tenant Relocation Assistance and Economic Displacement Relocation Assistance. However, SDCI does not currently administer emergency rental assistance programs. Consequently, this Council Budget Action may require amending the purpose statement for SDCI's Compliance BSL to include that function.

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Add funding for rental assistance		0	0	SDCI - CI000	SDCI - BO-CI-U2400 - Compliance	00100 - General Fund	2023	\$0	\$1,000,000