

2018 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Add \$430,000 GSF to SDCI for tenant services

Ongoing: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: No

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Councilmembers: Harris-Talley; Juarez; O'Brien

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Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	SB	KH	LG	BH	LH	RJ	DJ	MO	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	\$0	\$430,000
Net Balance Effect	\$0	(\$430,000)
Other Funds		
Planning and Development Fund (15700)		
Revenues	\$0	\$430,000
Expenditures	\$0	\$430,000
Net Balance Effect	\$0	\$0
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$0	(\$430,000)

Budget Action description:

This green sheet would add \$430,000 to the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) to contract with a nonprofit organization to provide education and advocacy services to tenants. Specifically, the funding would support services provided by a community organization, such as the Tenant's Union of Washington State, to increase the hours and staffing for a tenant phone line and in-person consultation, and

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to hire a staff attorney to work with tenants who need legal assistance. The funding is intended to be ongoing support for SDCI to contract with a community organization.

Background

In 2017, the Council requested that SDCI prepare a proposal for a Tenant Landlord Resource Center in coordination with other city departments and in consultation with stakeholders (see 2017 [SLI 144-1-A-1](#)). In addition to the SLI request, Council added the following one-time GSF resources in 2017 that enhanced funding for outreach and education for tenant and landlords: (1) \$65,000 to develop a new web site to help renters and landlords navigate Seattle’s rental regulations and (2) \$50,000 to support coordinated outreach efforts and prepare educational materials to better inform tenants and landlords of their rights and responsibilities under Seattle’s rental regulations, with a focus on outreach to communities with limited English proficiency and immigrant and refugee communities. The web site is under development and is expected to be completed and launched in December 2017. SDCI is continuing to conduct outreach work to tenants and landlords.

The Proposed Budget adds \$200,000 to support the Tenant Landlord Resource Center (working title “Renting in Seattle”) to improve services to renters and landlords through improved communication; outreach, including to historically underrepresented communities; and cross-departmental coordination. The Human Services Department (HSD) currently has contracts with three community organizations to provide services to tenants, including with the Tenants Union. HSD provided \$209,333 in funding in 2017, and is budgeted for \$182,900 in funding in 2018, for the Tenants Union to provide tenant counseling through their phone line and in-person consultations; conduct tenant workshops; provide technical assistance provided by outreach workers; and maintain and update their multi-lingual web site.

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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 tenant services				FG	Planning and Development Fund	Q5971570	00100	2018		\$430,000
2	Increase revenue from GSF for tenant services				SDCI	General Subfund Support	587001	15700	2018	\$430,000	
3	Increase appropriation for tenant outreach				SDCI	Code Compliance	U2400	15700	2018		\$430,000