

2018 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Add \$100,000 GSF to SDCI for services supporting neighborhoods with concentrations of unreinforced masonry (URM) buildings.

Ongoing: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: No

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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	\$100,000
Net Balance Effect	\$0	(\$100,000)
Other Funds		
Planning and Development Fund (15700)		
Revenues	\$0	\$100,000
Expenditures	\$0	\$100,000
Net Balance Effect	\$0	\$0
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$0	(\$100,000)

Budget Action description:

This green sheet would add one-time funding of \$100,000 in GSF to the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspection (SDCI) to fund a contract with community organizations, such as the Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority (SCIDpda), to provide services in

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neighborhoods likely to be affected by City policies regarding unreinforced masonry (URM) buildings currently under development.

The services would include education, technical assistance, project management, and coordination between the City and the neighborhood. The focus of the work would be in neighborhoods like the Chinatown-International District because of the concentration of URM buildings and the historic preservation requirements that apply to many properties in these neighborhoods. SDCI may contract in 2018 for delivery of these services over two years.

Background

Unreinforced masonry (URM) buildings are typically brick structures that were built without steel reinforcement or sufficient structural connections between the building's walls and other structural elements. They are located throughout Seattle, notably in some of the City's oldest neighborhoods and commercial and industrial centers. A seismic retrofit can significantly reduce a URM building's risk of collapse in the event of an earthquake. Collapsed buildings can endanger the lives of the building's occupants and nearby pedestrians, block public rights-of-way for emergency response, and delay overall recovery from the earthquake.

Experts agree that the likelihood of a damaging earthquake that would shake Seattle is significant. SDCI is considering a mandate for all URM buildings to undergo a seismic retrofit. Outreach related to that requirement, particularly in areas with concentrations of URM buildings, such as historic districts, will be necessary to successfully implement the mandate. There are more than 1,100 URM structures within the city limits that are at risk of earthquake damage. The City's URM Policy Committee reports that the cost to retrofit all the at-risk URM structures to the recommended standard could cost up to \$1 billion.

In October 2017, The City's URM Policy Committee briefed the Council on their recommendations. Based on the recommendations, the Executive is expected to work with Council in 2018 to develop new policy and implementing regulations to address the safety of URM buildings.

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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	Add GSF to SDCI to contract for services in neighborhoods with URM buildings.				FG	Planning and Development Fund	Q5971570	00100	2018		\$100,000
2	Add revenue to SDCI to contract for services in neighborhoods with URM buildings.				SDCI	General Subfund Support	587001	15700	2018	\$100,000	
3	Add appropriation to SDCI to contract for services in neighborhoods with URM buildings.				SDCI	Construction Permit Services	U2300	15700	2018		\$100,000