

2018 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Add \$50,000 GSF to LEG for the Accessory Dwelling Unit EIS

Ongoing: No

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	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
<u>General Subfund Expenditures</u>	<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 add \$50,000 GSF in one-time funding to the Legislative Department to increase resources needed to complete the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) environmental impact statement (EIS). The City is currently in the scoping phase for the ADU EIS; the scoping comment period will end on November 16, 2017. To date, the City has received over 400 scoping comments; additional resources will be needed to modify the scope to include additional analysis.

In addition to the EIS work, the Office of Planning and Community Development and the Office of Housing (OH) will coordinate with council staff to:

- Develop an implementation plan, and prepare initial content for a thoughtful, interactive, and comprehensive website to make it easier for homeowners to access information and resources for

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building an ADU. The planning work should identify resources needed to implement a website that could include features such as geographic information about lot eligibility for a specific parcel, pre-approved plans, resources for individuals interested in creating affordable units, and connections to organizations with financing tools. This website could be modeled on examples such as [Austin's Alley Flats Initiative](#); and

- Consider programmatic opportunities through the OH, or through partnerships with other public and private organizations, 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.

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.

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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 EIS				LEG	Legislative Department	G1100	00100	2018		\$50,000