

Seattle City Council Select Budget Committee
Proposed Budget Amendments | Tuesday, October 26, 2021

Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI)

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2022 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SDCI	001	A	001

Budget Action Title: Add \$150,000 GF to SDCI for a comparative study of permit review times

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Dan Strauss

Council Members: Tammy Morales, Lorena González

Staff Analyst: Ketil Freeman

Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2022 Increase (Decrease)	2023 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$150,000	
Net Balance Effect	\$(150,000)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(150,000)	

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SDCI	001	A	001

Budget Action Description:

The Council Budget Action would add \$150,000 GF to the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) to contract with a consultant to conduct a comparative study of permit review times and processes for peer jurisdictions.

SDCI has targets for reviewing permit applications that vary by the type of permit and size and complexity of the proposed project. Generally, over the last ten years master use permits, simple construction permits, and complex construction permits have taken longer, from application to permit issuance. Permit delays could be attributable to a variety of factors including staffing shortages, the complexity of codes administered by SDCI, increased demands for the design services of firms assisting applicants, and applicant vesting strategies.

However, the Council continues to hear from constituents about entitlement risk for development projects due to delays in permit review and inspections. The City has no formal basis for comparing the performance of SDCI to departments in peer jurisdictions regionally and nationally. This proposed add would provide baseline comparative data.

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Add resources for a comparative permitting study		0	0	SDCI - CI000	SDCI - BO-CI-U2300 - Permit Services	00100 - General Fund	2022	\$0	\$150,000

2022 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SDCI	002	A	001

Budget Action Title: Add position authority to non-SDCI review locations to improve permit and inspection times at SDCI, add \$159,187 GF to SFD to fund a review position, and request a report

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Dan Strauss

Council Members: Tammy Morales, Lorena González

Staff Analyst: Ketil Freeman

Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2022 Increase (Decrease)	2023 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$159,187	
Net Balance Effect	\$(159,187)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(159,187)	

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SDCI	002	A	001

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action would (1) add position authority for permit reviewers at permit review locations outside of the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) that can be permit bottlenecks, (2) make a \$159,187 GF appropriation to fund a review position in the Fire Marshals' Office (FMO), and (3) request that the City Budget Office (CBO) propose fee adjustments and, if necessary, the creation of enterprise funds to make those positions fully fee supported in the future.

Delays in permit and certificate of occupancy issuance at SDCI can be due to permit bottlenecks in review locations at other departments with regulatory authority over a project, such as the FMO, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU), and Seattle City Light (SCL). Unlike SDCI, these departments lack contingent budget authority to increase staffing when there are increased permit volumes. A potential remedy for those departments would be to provide them with position authority that could be accessed when supporting fee revenue from development activity is available to fund those positions. If the positions are fully fee-supported, there would not be any corresponding burden on rate payers or the General Fund.

This Council Budget Action would add position authority to the FMO, SPU, and SCL for permit reviewers and inspectors and provide a GF appropriation for the position in the FMO where there are current bottlenecks. This action also requests that the City Budget Office recommend a fee schedule for full cost-recovery for the positions and, if necessary, legislation creating individual enterprise funds to provide ongoing support for the positions. The recommendation and any implementing legislation should be transmitted to the Council by June 30, 2022.

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Pocket Adjustments	Civil Engr,Assoc	1	1	SCL - CL000	SCL - BC-CL-Z - Customer Focused - CIP	41000 - Light Fund	2022	\$0	\$0
2	Pocket Adjustments		0	0	SFD - FD000	SFD - BO-FD-F5000 - Fire Prevention	00100 - General Fund	2022	\$0	\$159,187
3	Pocket Adjustments	Fire Protection Engr	1	1	SFD - FD000	SFD - BO-FD-F5000 - Fire Prevention	00100 - General Fund	2022	\$0	\$0
4	Pocket Adjustments	Civil Engr,Assoc	1	1	SPU - SU000	SPU - BO-SU-N200B - Utility Service and Operations	44010 - Drainage and Wastewater Fund	2022	\$0	\$0

2022 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SDCI	003	A	001

Budget Action Title: Add \$164,000 GF and 1.0 FTE Strategic Advisor 2 to SDCI for a childcare permit facilitator

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Lorena González

Council Members: Alex Pedersen, Dan Strauss

Staff Analyst: Ketil Freeman

Council Bill or Resolution:

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	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2022 Increase (Decrease)	2023 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$163,679	
Net Balance Effect	\$(163,679)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(163,679)	

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SDCI	003	A	001

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would add \$163,679 GF and 1.0 FTE Strategic Advisor 2 to the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) to facilitate permitting for childcare facilities.

Both home-based and center-based childcare operators can have difficulty navigating city and state life-safety and other regulatory requirements and many cannot afford to hire specialized staff to help with permitting and inspections. The position would provide: (1) early coaching for childcare operators seeking locations and (2) facilitation for permit applications once a location has been identified.

This is similar to a small business permit facilitator position in the 2022 Proposed Budget, which is intended to help small businesses navigate the regulatory requirements for tenant improvements before entering into a lease and during SDCI permitting.

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Pocket Adjustments		0	0	SDCI - CI000	SDCI - BO-CI-U2200 - Land Use Services	00100 - General Fund	2022	\$0	\$163,679
2	Pocket Adjustments	StratAdvsr2, Engng&Plans Rev	1	1	SDCI - CI000	SDCI - BO-CI-U2200 - Land Use Services	00100 - General Fund	2022	\$0	\$0

2022 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Council Budget Action: Agenda

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SDCI	004	A	001

Budget Action Title: Request that SDCI report on Design Review program outcomes, process improvements, and equity

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Dan Strauss

Council Members: Tammy Morales, Lorena González

Staff Analyst: Ketil Freeman

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent would request that the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) convene a stakeholder group and provide a report to the Council on Design Review Program outcomes.

The stakeholder group should have organizational and community representation including, but not limited to, affordable housing advocates and developers, design professionals, SDCI staff, density advocates, and individual representatives or members from neighborhood organizations that participate in Design Review Board meetings. Membership in the stakeholder group should include BIPOC professional and residents.

The group would conduct a Racial Equity Toolkit (RET) analysis of the Design Review Program and report to the Council on the outcomes of that analysis. That would include an analysis of whether the program creates barriers to participation for BIPOC residents, either as applicants, board members, or public participants, and whether the program creates or reinforces racial exclusion. In addition to the RET, the report to Council should also include the following:

- (1) Design Review Program outcomes since the program was modified in 2017, including review times by design review type and project complexity;
- (2) An analysis of departures sought through the program that quantifies the number and percentage of projects, by design review and project type, seeking departures, identification of departures sought, and whether those departures were granted;
- (3) An analysis of whether the program increases housing costs;
- (4) A review of national best practices for design review programs with significant public participation components; and
- (5) Recommendations for how the program should be modified to address the findings of the stakeholder group.

SDCI should report to the Land Use & Neighborhoods Committee, or its successor, by June 30, 2022.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

2022 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Council Budget Action: Agenda

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SDCI	004	A	001

Land Use & Neighborhoods

Date Due to Council:

June 30, 2022

2022 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SDCI	005	A	001

Budget Action Title: Add \$270,000 and 2.0 FTE Environmental Analysts to SDCI for tree protection

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Dan Strauss

Council Members: Alex Pedersen, Andrew Lewis

Staff Analyst: Ketil Freeman

Council Bill or Resolution:

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	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2022 Increase (Decrease)	2023 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$134,819	
Net Balance Effect	\$(134,819)	
Other Funds		
Construction and Inspections (48100)		
Revenues	\$0	
Expenditures	\$134,819	
Net Balance Effect	\$(134,819)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(269,638)	

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SDCI	005	A	001

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action would add \$269,638, which includes \$134,819 GF, and 2.0 FTE environmental analysts to the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) to implement and enforce current and anticipated tree protection regulations.

In October 2019, the City adopted Resolution 31902, which establishes a work program for developing, considering, and acting on a council bill strengthening tree protection regulations. That council bill has not been transmitted to the Council but is anticipated in 2022.

This Council Budget Action would add 2.0 FTE environmental analysts, one each to SDCI's Land Use Review and Code Compliance Budget Summary Levels (BSLs), to administer and enforce future changes to tree regulations. The FTE in the Land Use Review BSL would be funded through fee revenue from the Construction and Inspections Fund. The FTE in the Compliance BSL would be funded by the GF. Council anticipates that the persons hired to fill the environmental analyst positions will be certified arborists.

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Pocket Adjustments		0	0	SDCI - CI000	SDCI - BO-CI-U2400 - Compliance	00100 - General Fund	2022	\$0	\$134,819
2	Pocket Adjustments	Envrnmntl Anlyst,Assoc	1	1	SDCI - CI000	SDCI - BO-CI-U2400 - Compliance	00100 - General Fund	2022	\$0	\$0
3	Pocket Adjustments		0	0	SDCI - CI000	SDCI - BO-CI-U2200 - Land Use Services	48100 - Construction and Inspections	2022	\$0	\$134,819
4	Pocket Adjustments	Envrnmntl Anlyst,Assoc	1	1	SDCI - CI000	SDCI - BO-CI-U2200 - Land Use Services	48100 - Construction and Inspections	2022	\$0	\$0

2022 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SDCI	006	A	001

Budget Action Title: Proviso \$865,000 in SDCI for updated tree protection regulations

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Alex Pedersen

Council Members: Lisa Herbold, Dan Strauss

Staff Analyst: Ketil Freeman

Council Bill or Resolution:

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	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Summary of Dollar Effect

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	2022 Increase (Decrease)	2023 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$0	
Net Balance Effect	\$0	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$0	

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SDCI	006	A	001

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action would impose a proviso on \$865,000, approximately one third of the proposed 2022 appropriations to the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections' Government Policy, Safety, and Support Budget Summary Level (BSL).

The proviso would be automatically released when a council bill called for by Resolution 31902 is delivered to the City Council. Resolution 31902 establishes a work program for updating the City's tree protection regulations.

Among other things, appropriations in the Government Policy, Safety, and Support BSL fund development of council bills establishing new development regulations, including tree protection regulations. The 2022 Proposed Budget would appropriate \$2,597,918 to that BSL. Approximately \$1,221,000 of that appropriation is General Fund; the remainder is Construction and Inspections Fund.

This Council Budget Action imposes the following proviso:

"Of the appropriations to the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections' Government Policy, Safety and Support BCL, \$865,000 may not be expended until the Mayor transmits a council bill to the City Clerk that updates the City's tree protection regulations, as contemplated by Resolution 31902."

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
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2022 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SDCI	007	A	001

Budget Action Title: Add \$200,000 GF to SDCI for consultant support for a rental market study

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Dan Strauss

Council Members: Tammy Morales, Andrew Lewis

Staff Analyst: Ketil Freeman

Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2022 Increase (Decrease)	2023 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$200,000	
Net Balance Effect	\$(200,000)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(200,000)	

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SDCI	007	A	001

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action would add \$200,000 GF to the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) for consultant support for a rental market study that analyzes the current market and how it has changed over time, including an analysis of how ownership of rental units has changed.

SDCI administers regulations applicable to rental property owners and provides assistance to landlords and tenants in navigating City regulations. In the last ten years Seattle's rental market has changed and grown and the nature and type of rental property ownership has also changed. Formerly, the City could monitor changes in the rental market by submarket, building age, number of units, and other characteristics through a subscription to a firm that conducted periodic surveys of Seattle area landlords. That firm closed its business in 2018.

This Council Budget Action would add consultant resources to SDCI to conduct a study of the current rental market, how it has changed over time, and how ownership has changed. The study would examine the nature of ownership of rental properties and categorize owners by the total number of rental units owned and in service in Seattle. Results from the study could inform modifications to current regulatory programs and the type and manner of outreach that SDCI provides to landlords and tenants.

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Add funding to SDCI for a rental market study		0	0	SDCI - CI000	SDCI - BO-CI-U2400 - Compliance	00100 - General Fund	2022	\$0	\$200,000

2022 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SDCI	008	A	001

Budget Action Title: Add \$152,000 and 1.0 FTE Strategic Advisor 1 to SDCI for displacement monitoring, assessment, and prevention

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Alex Pedersen

Council Members: Tammy Morales, Lorena González

Staff Analyst: Ketil Freeman

Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2022 Increase (Decrease)	2023 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$151,701	
Net Balance Effect	\$(151,701)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(151,701)	

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SDCI	008	A	001

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would add \$151,701 GF and 1.0 FTE Strategic Advisor 1 to the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) to develop and implement an in-house data-gathering and monitoring system to track economic and physical displacement of lower income households.

Available private sector surveys of the rental market do not provide granular information that was formerly provided by Dupre and Scott about smaller apartment buildings. Consequently, the City lacks current information about market changes for certain sectors of the rental market. This CBA would remedy that by providing staffing for data-gathering that could be accomplished by, among other things, requiring additional reporting with rent roll summaries from enrollees in the Rental Registration and Inspections Program.

This action is an initiative contemplated by Resolution 31870, the companion resolution to Ordinance 125791, which implemented the Mandatory Housing Affordability Program citywide. Section 2G of Resolution 31870 establishes the Council's intent to:

“Develop a consistent and thorough monitoring and reporting process regarding housing production and loss of households at 30 to 120 percent AMI, including change of tenure and net change in affordable units on a particular development site, and deducting housing units funded by OH. (Responsible Departments: OH and SDCI)”

Collected data would be used to inform policy changes in the City's housing and land use regulatory programs.

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Pocket Adjustments		0	0	SDCI - CI000	SDCI - BO-CI-U2400 - Compliance	00100 - General Fund	2022	\$0	\$151,701
2	Pocket Adjustments	StratAdvsr1, General Govt	1	1	SDCI - CI000	SDCI - BO-CI-U2400 - Compliance	00100 - General Fund	2022	\$0	\$0

2022 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Council Budget Action: Agenda

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SDCI	009	A	001

Budget Action Title: Request that SDCI convene a small landlord stakeholder group

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Andrew Lewis

Council Members: Alex Pedersen, Dan Strauss

Staff Analyst: Ketil Freeman

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent would request that the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) convene a staff and stakeholder group to advise the City on regulatory and rental market challenges for small landlords.

The group should consist of no more than seven members plus a moderator, who is an SDCI supervisor, and must also include two SDCI employees who either administer regulations applicable to landlords or provide services to tenants. The group should propose a definition of "small landlord," estimate the population of small landlords with units in Seattle, make findings about how current regulations and market trends impact small landlords, and identify whether those impacts are disparate.

SDCI should report to the Finance & Housing Committee, or its successor, by July 5, 2022.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Finance & Housing

Date Due to Council: July 5, 2022

2022 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SDCI	010	A	001

Budget Action Title: Add \$1.5 million GF and 1.5 FTE Code Compliance Analysts to SDCI to implement the economic displacement relocation assistance ordinance

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Kshama Sawant

Council Members: Alex Pedersen, Andrew Lewis

Staff Analyst: Ketil Freeman

Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2022 Increase (Decrease)	2023 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$1,469,940	
Net Balance Effect	\$(1,469,940)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(1,469,940)	

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SDCI	010	A	001

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action would add \$1,273,520 in one-time funding, \$196,420 of ongoing funding, and 1.5 FTE Code Compliance Analysts to the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) for information technology start-up costs, outreach, and ongoing staffing to implement the economic displacement relocation assistance ordinance.

In September, Council passed Ordinance 126541, which established an economic displacement relocation assistance program. That program requires landlords to pay relocation assistance to tenants who leave their housing because of rent increases of 10 percent or more.

The summary and fiscal note to the ordinance estimates start-up and ongoing costs as follows: (1) a one-time investment of \$1,253,520 to develop the information technology infrastructure for the program, (2) a one-time-time investment of \$20,000 to develop outreach materials that are accessible in a variety of languages, and (3) 1.5 FTE Code Compliance Analysts to administer the program on an ongoing basis once it has started. SDCI estimates that an initial start-up period for the program would take between six and nine months. This budget action assumes that the additional staff required to implement the program would be hired by the end of the third quarter 2022.

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Add funding to implement the economic displacement relocation assistance program		0	0	SDCI - CI000	SDCI - BO-CI-U2400 - Compliance	00100 - General Fund	2022	\$0	\$1,273,520
2	Pocket Adjustments		0	0	SDCI - CI000	SDCI - BO-CI-U2400 - Compliance	00100 - General Fund	2022	\$0	\$196,420
3	Pocket Adjustments	Code Compliance Analyst	2	2	SDCI - CI000	SDCI - BO-CI-U2400 - Compliance	00100 - General Fund	2022	\$0	\$0

2022 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SDCI	011	A	001

Budget Action Title: Add \$500,000 GF to SDCI for tenant services contracts

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Kshama Sawant

Council Members: Tammy Morales, Alex Pedersen

Staff Analyst: Ketil Freeman

Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2022 Increase (Decrease)	2023 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$500,000	
Net Balance Effect	\$(500,000)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(500,000)	

Tab	Action	Option	Version
SDCI	011	A	001

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action would add \$500,000 GF to the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) for tenant outreach, education, and other services.

The 2022 Proposed Budget would appropriate \$615,000 for tenant services grants. Those grants fund services such as tenant education, eviction defense, case management, and tenant counseling. Grantees in 2021, include, but are not limited to, the Housing Justice Project, Interim CDA, Solid Ground, LGBTQ Allyship, the Tenants Union, and United Indians of All Tribes.

In 2021, both the City and the State of Washington enacted laws providing a right-to-counsel for eviction defense. Implementing the City's right-to-counsel ordinance could require more than the allocation in the 2022 Proposed Budget, which is \$605,000. The increment of potential additional funding for eviction legal defense could come from the baseline budget of \$615,000 for tenant services. However, that would require reduced funding for other types of tenant services.

Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Add funding for tenant services and outreach		0	0	SDCI - CI000	SDCI - BO-CI-U2400 - Compliance	00100 - General Fund	2022	\$0	\$500,000