

2014 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Impose a proviso to direct \$80,000 GSF in Finance General for the SCIDPDA Community Outreach Pilot Project

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Councilmembers: Clark; Conlin; Godden

Staff Analyst: Rebecca Herzfeld

Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	SB	BH	TR	RC	TB	NL	JG	SC	MO
	Yes										
	No										
	Abstain										
	Absent										

Budget Action description:

This green sheet would impose the following budget proviso: “Of the appropriation in the 2014 budget for Finance General’s Reserves BCL, \$80,000 is appropriated solely for Building and Housing Code outreach for the Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority (SCIDPDA) Community Outreach Pilot Project and may be spent for no other purpose.”

The proposed budget would appropriate \$150,000 from the GSF in Finance General to provide enhanced outreach and coordination with diverse communities about two programs. The first program is the recently adopted Rental Registration Inspection Ordinance (RRIO), which is designed to help ensure decent and safe housing for all. The second program, now under development, would require seismic retrofits for unreinforced masonry (URM) buildings. The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) oversees both of these programs and is providing outreach to building owners, tenants, and the general public on the purpose of the programs, program requirements, and their possible effects.

A significant proportion of the buildings in the Chinatown International District and Pioneer Square Historic District will be affected by these programs. The SCIDPDA has proposed a Community Outreach Pilot Project for the URM and RRIO programs that would provide culturally competent community outreach and education in building owners’ native languages in these two neighborhoods. The Pilot would include case studies that result in specific cost calculations, recommend methods for financing building upgrades, and propose potential incentives for compliance. This information will help DPD effectively apply the programs in other neighborhoods.

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The SCIDPDA is a City-chartered community development agency created to preserve, promote, and develop the Chinatown International District area as a vibrant community and unique ethnic neighborhood. The SCIDPDA has already raised approximately \$67,000 for the Pilot from donors and grants, which will leverage the City's investment in the project.