2013 - 2014 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Add $60,000 in GSF to DPD for unreinforced masonry retrofit program policy development

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Council Bill or Resolution:

Budget Committee Vote:

Date	Result	SB	BH	TR	RC	TB	NL	JG	SC	MO
11/09/2012	**Pass 9-**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2013 Increase (Decrease)	***2014 Increase (Decrease)***
General Subfund		
General Subfund Revenues	*$0*	*$0*
General Subfund Expenditures	*$60,000*	*$0*
Net Balance Effect	***($60,000)***	***$0***
Other Funds		
Planning and Development Fund (15700)		
Revenues	*$60,000*	*$0*
Expenditures	*$60,000*	*$0*
Net Balance Effect	***$0***	***$0***
Total Budget Balance Effect	***($60,000)***	***$0***

Budget Action description:

The green sheet adds $60,000 in GSF to DPD's Construction Services BCL to fund a consultant cost-benefit analysis of options for implementing a mandatory Unreinforced Masonry (URM) retrofit program.

Background

Since the 2001 Nisqually Earthquake the City has been considering a program to require seismic retrofits of buildings with URM construction. URM buildings are buildings with unreinforced masonry bearing walls that are susceptible to collapse in an earthquake. URM buildings were generally constructed prior to 1940. A 2007 study estimates that there are between 850 to 1,000

URM buildings within the City limits, most in older neighborhoods such as Pioneer Square, the International District, SODO, and Capitol Hill.

DPD has been sponsoring a URM Policy Committee this year to advise the City on options for requiring the retrofit of URM buildings to protect public safety. DPD will present recommendations to the Council by the end of 2012 or early 2013 and submit legislation to the Council by mid-2013. URM Policy Committee members have suggested that the City perform a cost-benefit analysis of program and policy options to better inform a DPD proposal. To be useful, this would need to be a broad analysis that would address the value to the public of life safety improvements and historic preservation, as well as more traditional factors such as retrofit expenses paid by building owners and City program staffing costs.

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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 Support for URM Retrofit Policy Development				FG	Planning and Development Fund	Q5971570	00100	2013		$60,000
2	Increase P&D Fund Revenue from the GSF for URM Retrofit Policy Development				DPD	General Subfund Support	587001	15700	2013	$60,000	
3	Increase Appropriation for URM Retrofit Policy Development				DPD	Construction Permit Services	U2300	15700	2013		$60,000