

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
For Council Action Items**

(Deliver original to Financial Planning Division. Retain copy.)

1. Name of Initiator Tracy Lehto		2. Telephone No. 3-2355	3. Bureau/Office/Dept. PHB 157/500
4a. To be filed (date) 9/29/2010	4b. Calendar (Check One) Regular      Consent      4/5ths <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		5. Date Submitted to FPD Budget Analyst: 9/29/2010

**1) Legislation Title:**

\* Accept and appropriate grant in the amount of \$224,000 from the State of Oregon Housing and Community Services Department to assist low-income renters who face barriers to accessing housing and receive payment. (Ordinance)

**2) Purpose of the Proposed Legislation:**

Many homeless and unstably housed low-income people have barriers to accessing housing such as prior evictions, poor credit and criminal history. To assist people with these barriers access housing, the City supports the Rent Well program, a combination of education about how to be a good tenant, and a guarantee to landlords who rent to Rent Well graduates. Many landlords require some financial risk protection to rent to people with housing barriers. The landlord guarantee pays landlords for up to \$2000 in unpaid rent, damages beyond wear and tear, and eviction costs, if the tenant leaves in bad standing.

**3) Revenue:**

**Will this legislation generate or reduce current or future revenue coming to the City? If so, by how much? If new revenue is generated please identify the source.**

This is a \$224,000 grant to the City from the State of Oregon through its Housing and Community Services Department. PHB only draws down funds when a landlord submits claim for a covered renter who left a unit owing rent, damages the unit beyond normal wear and tear, or is evicted.

**4) Expense:**

**What are the costs to the City as a result of this legislation? What is the source of funding for the expense? (Please include costs in the current fiscal year as well as costs in future years) (If the action is related to a grant or contract please include the local contribution or match required)**

The grant source is used only as needed by the Housing Authority of Portland through FY 09-10 subrecipient contract for administration of this Tenant Readiness Rent Guarantee Agreement Grant (also known as the Rent Well Landlord Guarantee Fund).

**Staffing Requirements:**

5) Will any positions be created, eliminated or re-classified in the current year as a result of this legislation? (If new positions are created please include whether they will be part-time, full-time, limited term or permanent positions. If the position is limited term please indicate the end of the term.)

No.

6) Will positions be created or eliminated in future years as a result of this legislation?

No.

Complete the following section if you are accepting and appropriating a grant via ordinance. This section should only be completed if you are adjusting total appropriations, which currently only applies to grant ordinances.

7) **Change in Appropriations** (If the accompanying ordinance amends the budget, please reflect the dollar amount to be appropriated by this legislation. If the appropriation includes an interagency agreement with another bureau, please include the partner bureau budget adjustments in the table as well. Include the appropriate cost elements that are to be loaded by the Grants Office and/or Financial Planning. Use additional space if needed.)

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount
217006	HCPG000001	529001	CDHCAS0000	HCPG000001	HC000041	HC00410001	224,000



APPROPRIATION UNIT HEAD (Typed name and signature)



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**COVER SHEET for  
ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION, REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Today's Date: September 29, 2010  
Expected Date to Council: October 13, 2010  
Title of Ordinance/Report: \* Accept and appropriate grant in the amount of \$224,000 from the State of Oregon Housing and Community Services Department to assist low-income renters who face barriers to accessing housing and receive payment. (Ordinance)

Contract Manager's Name & Number: Tracy Lehto, 823-2355

Preparer's Name & Number: Same as above

Manager's Name: Sally Erickson

Manager Approval: Sally Erickson

If this is an Agreement/ a Contract, has it been "Approved as to Form" by the City Attorney? Yes

Your Manager accepts this and signed here: Sally Erickson

Will this be on **Regular** or **Consent** agenda? Consent

Budget Impact Statement Attached?: Yes

*Please complete the following information*

- A. Provide information about the item (What is it about? Why is it important? Is there anything controversial? If so, why is it controversial and how it the controversy addressed? Any pertinent background information?)
- *Since 2005 the City of Portland, BHCD has had a contract with the State of Oregon Housing and Community Services to access funds for the Rent Well Tenant Education Program Landlord Guarantee (formally called the Ready to Rent Landlord Guarantee). The Guarantee, in combination with the tenant education curriculum, is a tool renters with screening barriers can use to access housing. PHB only draws down funds when a landlord submits claim for a covered renter who left a unit owing rent, damages the unit beyond normal wear and tear, or is evicted.*
  - *PHB contracts with the Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) to administer the Landlord Guarantee. HAP reviews claims submitted by landlord to confirm they are payable under the program, tracks usage of the Guarantee and other program outcomes.*
- B. Provide three points of information that our Commissioner can use to introduce this item

- *Many homeless and unstably housed low-income people have barriers to accessing housing such as prior evictions, poor credit and criminal history.*
- *To assist people with these barriers access housing, the City supports the Rent Well program, a combination of education about how to be a good tenant, and a guarantee to landlords who rent to Rent Well graduates*
- *Many landlords require some financial risk protection to rent to people with housing barriers. The landlord guarantee pays landlords for up to \$2000 in unpaid rent, damages beyond wear and tear, and eviction costs, if the tenant leaves in bad standing.*

C. Will you, as the preparer of this item, be at Council when this is heard? *Can be, if Commissioner would like.*

If not, who will be there in your place? *N/A*

D. If the item is on the regular agenda, describe who will make the presentation or testimony and how much time will be needed for presentation and for Council discussion and vote. *N/A*

E. Will members of the community be part of the presentation or be invited? *No*