# FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT For Council Action Items

(Deliver original to Financial Planning Division. Retain copy.) Bureau/Office/Dept. 2. Telephone No. Name of Initiator Tracy Lehto 157/500 **PHB** 3-2355 Date Submitted to FPD Budget Analyst: 4b. Calendar (Check One) 4a. To be filed (date) Regular Consent 4/5ths 10/13/2010 10/13/2010 XX

1) Legislation Title:

#### 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.

No.

#### 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)

Funding is included in the City's FY 2010-11 approved budget and will be available in PHB's FY 2010-11 adopted budget in the amount of \$356,160 through the General Fund (GF), Housing Investment Fund (HIF), Oregon Housing and Community Services funding (CHCS), and Collins funds.

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

No.

<sup>\*</sup> Authorize subrecipient contract with the Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) for \$356,160 for the Rent Well and Fresh Start Programs and provide for payment. (Ordinance)

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.) There is no appropriation change.

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount

Margaret Van Vliet, Director

APPROPRIATION UNIT HEAD (Typed name and signature)



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# COVER SHEET for ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION, REPORT TO COUNCIL

Today's Date:

October 13, 2010

Expected Date to Council:

October 27, 2010

Title of Ordinance/Report:

\* Authorize subrecipient contract with the Housing Authority of Portland (HAP)

for \$356,160 for the Rent Well and Fresh Start Programs and provide for 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 Evicuson

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:

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?)

The Consolidated Plan calls for the delivery of housing services that assist low-income citizens in accessing and retaining safe, affordable housing, including the Rent Well Tenant Education Program and Fresh Start. The Rent Well Tenant Education and Fresh Start Programs are greatly enhanced when a guarantee fund is provided to encourage landlords to accept Tenant Education Program graduates and Fresh Start participants who would not typically meet their screening criteria.

- B. Provide three points of information that our Commissioner can use to introduce this item
  - Many low-income tenants are not able to obtain housing because they will not meet a landlords screening criteria due to prior evictions, credit issues or criminal history
  - The Rent Well program administered by HAP helps tenants with screening barriers have an increased chance of securing housing through a tenant education and Fresh Start helps through agency engagement to ensure the housing placement is stable.

- Both Rent Well and Fresh Start provide guarantee funds to further incent landlords to consider renting to tenants with screening barriers by reimbursing unpaid rent, excessive damage, or evictions costs up to \$2000 if the tenancy is not successful.
- C. Will you, as the preparer of this item, be at Council when this is heard? *N/A*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