

PHB FY 2018-19 Budget – Decision Packages

Name	Description	Amount
<p>Five Percent General Fund Reduction</p>	<p>Reduce the East Portland Rental Rehab program by \$110,000. The reduction means four fewer units would be rehabilitated.</p> <p>Reduce expenditures in the Director’s Office and Business Operations, primarily in travel and conferences, by \$30,572.</p>	<p align="center">(\$140,572) General Fund Ongoing</p>
<p>Office of Rental Services</p>	<p>Throughout the mandatory relocation assistance technical group process, one of the most pressing need for services that was mentioned by stakeholders was culturally specific and language specific education and outreach and legal assistance. Many stakeholders identified that many communities of renters and landlords were unaware of new regulations.</p> <p>\$600,000 to convert existing one-time General Fund to ongoing for current education and outreach services, legal services, and mandatory rental unit registration system development and management. \$170,200 additional General Fund Ongoing for two Assistant Housing Program Specialists for technical assistance calls/email and mandatory rental unit registration system development and management.</p> <p>\$500,000 for culturally specific/language specific outreach and education services and \$500,000 for culturally specific/language specific landlord-tenant legal services and fair housing legal services. \$200,000 to develop requirements for a rental registration system.</p>	<p align="center">\$770,200 million General Fund Ongoing; 2.0 FTE</p> <p align="center">\$1.2 Million General Fund One-Time</p>
<p>Realignment – East Portland Programming</p>	<p>Despite numerous efforts and strategies, the bureau has not been able to secure participation from private landlords in the East Portland Rental Rehab program. This is primarily due to the current rental market and the reluctance of rental property owners to restrict rents for a 10-year period, but is exacerbated by the lack of mandatory rental inspections and enforcement to identify properties with code violations.</p> <p>Therefore, in FY 2018-19, staff propose to reprogram the funds for home repair services. This is in line with the original auspices of the program which was to stabilize families and improve the housing stock in East Portland. PHB currently manages the home repair program in partnership with nonprofits to assist with critical repair needs for low-income, seniors, and disabled homeowners. Reprogramming these resources for home repair will result in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on a \$690K program amount = 115 homes at \$6,000 each; or • Based on a \$580K program amount = 96 homes at \$6,000 each 	<p align="center">\$0</p>

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East Portland Stabilization/Anti-Displacement – Single Family Home Repair	<p>Vulnerable low-income homeowners across Portland are being involuntarily displaced or experiencing the threat of displacement. This proposal utilizes the proven homeowner stabilization strategy of home repair grants to address hazardous housing conditions that threaten to displace low-income homeowners. PHB is requesting \$500,000 General Fund Ongoing resources to increase equitable access to critical home repair services citywide.</p> <p>Home repair funds will be contracted to an existing infrastructure of external community partners. Outreach and awareness activities will also be targeted to areas most vulnerable to displacement based on BPS’s Vulnerability and Displacement Impact Analysis, which identifies high vulnerability, low opportunity neighborhoods and areas where Communities of Color are experiencing rising housing costs. These additional resources for home repair will result in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of 83 low-income households will receive home repairs with an average value of \$6,000 each. • 80% of all homeowners served will remain in their home 12 months after receiving services. 	\$500,000 General Fund Ongoing
Additional Staffing for Housing Bond	2.0 new FTE to determined. \$210,000.	\$210,000 Housing Bond and related funds 2.00 FTE
Conversion of Limited Term Staff to Permanent	This request is to convert an existing, funded Assistant Housing Program Specialist on the Regulatory Compliance team from limited term to permanent. As noted in the City Auditor’s report, the team workload will continue to grow.	\$0
Conversion of Limited Term Staff to Permanent	This request is to convert two existing limited term positions (OSS III) into one permanent Assistant Housing Program Specialist on the Policy team and a .90 OSS II on the Admin team. The original plan had been for two positions to handle management of the rental and homeownership preference policy lists, but because practice has found that there is little overlap between the two, one position can handle both. The OSS II will work on the bureaus’ archiving and records management needs, which have been handled by interns and temporary staff on a haphazard basis for a period of eight years. With significant progress made on the current backlog, the intent is to dedicate a position to complete the backlog project and maintain records going forward.	\$0