
Rental Housing Commission

Table DR0-1

Description	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Approved	FY 2021 Approved	% Change from FY 2020
OPERATING BUDGET	\$0	\$0	\$1,398,268	\$1,327,889	-5.0
FTEs	0.0	0.0	9.0	9.0	0.0
CAPITAL BUDGET	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
FTEs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A

The mission of the Rental Housing Commission (RHC) is to ensure the fair and effective implementation of the District of Columbia’s rent stabilization and tenant rights laws by publishing clear legal guidelines and resolving appeals in disputed cases.

Summary Services

The RHC is responsible for the interpretation and application of the Rental Housing Act of 1985, as amended (the Act). The RHC: (1) certifies and publishes the annual, general allowable rent adjustment; (2) issues, amends, and rescinds rules and procedures for the administration of the Act and for the resolution of disputes arising under the Act; and (3) in disputes under the Act, decides appeals from decisions of the Rent Administrator and the Office of Administrative Hearings. Disputes under the Act commonly include claims of illegal rent increases, requests for approval of special rent increases, repair of housing code violations, retaliation against tenants, and return of security deposits.

The agency’s FY 2021 approved budget is presented in the following tables:

FY 2021 Approved Gross Funds Operating Budget and FTEs, by Revenue Type

Table DR0-2 contains the approved FY 2021 budget by revenue type compared to the FY 2020 approved budget. It also provides FY 2018 and FY 2019 actual data.

Table DR0-2

(dollars in thousands)

Appropriated Fund	Dollars in Thousands						Full-Time Equivalents					
	Actual FY 2018	Actual FY 2019	Approved FY 2020	Approved FY 2021	Change from FY 2020	% Change*	Actual FY 2018	Actual FY 2019	Approved FY 2020	Approved FY 2021	Change from FY 2020	% Change
GENERAL FUND												
Local Funds	0	0	1,398	1,328	-70	-5.0	0.0	0.0	9.0	9.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	0	0	1,398	1,328	-70	-5.0	0.0	0.0	9.0	9.0	0.0	0.0
GROSS FUNDS	0	0	1,398	1,328	-70	-5.0	0.0	0.0	9.0	9.0	0.0	0.0

*Percent change is based on whole dollars.

Note: If applicable, for a breakdown of each Grant (Federal and Private), Special Purpose Revenue type and Intra-District agreement, please refer to **Schedule 80 Agency Summary by Revenue Source** in the **FY 2021 Operating Appendices** located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's website.

FY 2021 Approved Operating Budget, by Comptroller Source Group

Table DR0-3 contains the approved FY 2021 budget at the Comptroller Source Group (object class) level compared to the FY 2020 approved budget. It also provides FY 2018 and FY 2019 actual expenditures.

Table DR0-3

(dollars in thousands)

Comptroller Source Group	Actual FY 2018	Actual FY 2019	Approved FY 2020	Approved FY 2021	Change from FY 2020	Percentage Change*
11 - Regular Pay - Continuing Full Time	0	0	616	579	-37	-6.0
12 - Regular Pay - Other	0	0	391	467	76	19.4
14 - Fringe Benefits - Current Personnel	0	0	188	195	7	3.8
SUBTOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES (PS)	0	0	1,195	1,241	46	3.9
20 - Supplies and Materials	0	0	8	4	-4	-53.3
31 - Telecommunications	0	0	4	4	0	0.0
32 - Rentals - Land and Structures	0	0	51	0	-51	-100.0
34 - Security Services	0	0	5	0	-5	-100.0
35 - Occupancy Fixed Costs	0	0	3	0	-3	-100.0
40 - Other Services and Charges	0	0	61	68	7	11.1
41 - Contractual Services - Other	0	0	60	0	-60	-100.0
70 - Equipment and Equipment Rental	0	0	10	10	0	3.0
SUBTOTAL NONPERSONAL SERVICES (NPS)	0	0	203	87	-116	-57.4
GROSS FUNDS	0	0	1,398	1,328	-70	-5.0

*Percent change is based on whole dollars.

FY 2021 Approved Operating Budget and FTEs, by Division/Program and Activity

Table DR0-4 contains the approved FY 2021 budget by division/program and activity compared to the FY 2020 approved budget. It also provides FY 2018 and FY 2019 actual data. For a more comprehensive explanation of divisions/programs and activities, please see the Division/Program Description section, which follows the table.

Table DR0-4

(dollars in thousands)

Division/Program and Activity	Dollars in Thousands					Full-Time Equivalents				
	Actual FY 2018	Actual FY 2019	Approved FY 2020	Approved FY 2021	Change from FY 2020	Actual FY 2018	Actual FY 2019	Approved FY 2020	Approved FY 2021	Change from FY 2020
(9100) RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION										
(9110) Rental Housing Commission	0	0	1,398	1,328	-70	0.0	0.0	9.0	9.0	0.0
SUBTOTAL (9100) RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION	0	0	1,398	1,328	-70	0.0	0.0	9.0	9.0	0.0
TOTAL APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET	0	0	1,398	1,328	-70	0.0	0.0	9.0	9.0	0.0

(Change is calculated by whole numbers and numbers may not add up due to rounding)

Note: For more detailed information regarding the approved funding for the activities within this agency's programs, please see **Schedule 30-PBB Program Summary by Activity** in the **FY 2021 Operating Appendices** located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's website. "No Activity Assigned" indicates budget or actuals that are recorded at the division/program level.

Program Description

The Rental Housing Commission operates through the following program:

Rental Housing Commission— enforces the Rental Housing Act of 1985, as amended. The commission has three statutory functions in order to preserve and increase the supply of quality affordable housing in the District: (1) to issue, amend, and rescind regulations that are promulgated for enforcement of the Act; (2) to certify and publish the annual adjustment of general applicability to rents and/or rent ceilings, which adjustment is based upon annual changes (if any) in the Consumer Price Index for the applicable region in which the District of Columbia is located; and (3) to decide appeals brought to the commission from the Rent Administrator and the Office of Administrative Hearings.

Program Structure Change

The Rental Housing Commission has no program structure changes in the FY 2021 approved budget.

FY 2020 Approved Budget to FY 2021 Approved Budget, by Revenue Type

Table DR0-5 itemizes the changes by revenue type between the FY 2020 approved budget and the FY 2021 approved budget. For a more comprehensive explanation of changes, please see the FY 2021 Approved Budget Changes section, which follows the table.

Table DR0-5

(dollars in thousands)

DESCRIPTION	DIVISION/PROGRAM	BUDGET	FTE
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2020 Approved Budget and FTE		1,398	9.0
No Change		0	0.0

Table DR0-5

(dollars in thousands)

DESCRIPTION	DIVISION/PROGRAM	BUDGET	FTE
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2021 Recurring Budget		1,398	9.0
Increase: To align personal services and Fringe Benefits with projected costs	Rental Housing Commission	59	0.0
Increase: To support nonpersonal services costs	Rental Housing Commission	8	0.0
Decrease: To realize savings in nonpersonal services	Rental Housing Commission	-119	0.0
Reduce: To realize savings in nonpersonal services	Rental Housing Commission	-5	0.0
Reduce: To recognize savings in personal services	Rental Housing Commission	-13	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2021 Mayor's Proposed Budget		1,328	9.0
No Change		0	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2021 District's Approved Budget		1,328	9.0

GROSS FOR DR0 - RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION	1,328	9.0
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FY 2021 Approved Budget Changes

The Rental Housing Commission's (RHC) approved FY 2021 gross budget is \$1,327,889, which represents a 5.0 percent decrease from its FY 2020 approved gross budget of \$1,398,268. The budget is comprised entirely of Local funds.

Recurring Budget

No Change: The Rental Housing Commission's budget reflects no change from the FY 2020 approved budget to the FY 2021 recurring budget.

Mayor's Proposed Budget

Increase: The proposed budget includes a net increase of \$58,605 to support projected salary, step, and Fringe Benefits costs. Additionally, there is an increase of \$7,706 for professional service fees and equipment.

Decrease: A proposed net decrease of \$119,070 will be made across nonpersonal services, primarily in Contractual Services and Rent.

Reduce: In Local funds, the proposed budget reflects reductions of \$5,081 in nonpersonal services and \$12,539 in personal services.

District's Approved Budget

The Rental Housing Commission's budget reflects no change from the Mayor's proposed budget to the District's approved budget.