
Rental Housing Commission

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Table DR0-1

Description	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	% Change
	Actual	Actual	Approved	Approved	from FY 2023
OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,227,908	\$1,293,611	\$1,356,912	\$1,376,565	1.4
FTEs	8.0	8.6	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

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 2024 approved budget is presented in the following tables:

FY 2024 Approved Gross Funds Operating Budget and FTEs, by Revenue Type

Table DR0-2 contains the approved FY 2024 budget by revenue type compared to the FY 2023 approved budget. It also provides FY 2021 and FY 2022 actual data.

Table DR0-2

(dollars in thousands)

	Dollars in Thousands						Full-Time Equivalents					
	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022	Approved FY 2023	Approved FY 2024	Change from FY 2023	% Change*	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022	Approved FY 2023	Approved FY 2024	Change from FY 2023	% Change
Appropriated Fund												
GENERAL FUND												
Local Funds	1,228	1,294	1,357	1,377	20	1.4	8.0	8.6	9.0	9.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	1,228	1,294	1,357	1,377	20	1.4	8.0	8.6	9.0	9.0	0.0	0.0
GROSS FUNDS	1,228	1,294	1,357	1,377	20	1.4	8.0	8.6	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) and Special Purpose Revenue type, please refer to **Schedule 80 Agency Summary by Revenue Source** in the **FY 2024 Operating Appendices** located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer’s website.

FY 2024 Approved Operating Budget, by Comptroller Source Group

Table DR0-3 contains the approved FY 2024 budget at the Comptroller Source Group (object class) level compared to the FY 2023 approved budget. It also provides FY 2021 and FY 2022 actual expenditures.

Table DR0-3

(dollars in thousands)

Comptroller Source Group	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022	Approved FY 2023	Approved FY 2024	Change from FY 2023	Percentage Change*
11 - Regular Pay - Continuing Full Time	956	948	1,026	929	-97	-9.4
12 - Regular Pay - Other	51	76	55	165	110	199.1
13 - Additional Gross Pay	0	44	0	0	0	N/A
14 - Fringe Benefits - Current Personnel	185	194	202	205	2	1.2
SUBTOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES (PS)	1,191	1,262	1,283	1,299	15	1.2
20 - Supplies and Materials	3	2	4	1	-2	-63.3
31 - Telecommunications	0	3	1	5	4	520.8
40 - Other Services and Charges	20	17	48	35	-13	-27.0
41 - Contractual Services - Other	0	0	0	30	30	N/A
70 - Equipment and Equipment Rental	14	10	21	7	-14	-68.1
SUBTOTAL NONPERSONAL SERVICES (NPS)	37	32	74	78	4	5.9
GROSS FUNDS	1,228	1,294	1,357	1,377	20	1.4

*Percent change is based on whole dollars.

FY 2024 Approved Operating Budget and FTEs, by Division/Program and Activity

Table DR0-4 contains the approved FY 2024 budget by division/program and activity compared to the FY 2023 approved budget. It also provides FY 2021 and FY 2022 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 2021	Actual FY 2022	Approved FY 2023	Approved FY 2024	Change from FY 2023	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022	Approved FY 2023	Approved FY 2024	Change from FY 2023
(9100) RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION										
(9110) Rental Housing Commission	1,228	1,294	1,357	1,377	20	8.0	8.6	9.0	9.0	0.0
SUBTOTAL (9100) RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION	1,228	1,294	1,357	1,377	20	8.0	8.6	9.0	9.0	0.0
TOTAL APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET	1,228	1,294	1,357	1,377	20	8.0	8.6	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 2024 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 2024 approved budget.

FY 2023 Approved Budget to FY 2024 Approved Budget, by Revenue Type

Table DR0-5 itemizes the changes by revenue type between the FY 2023 approved budget and the FY 2024 approved budget. For a more comprehensive explanation of changes, please see the FY 2024 Approved Budget Changes section, which follows the table.

Table DR0-5

(dollars in thousands)

DESCRIPTION	DIVISION/PROGRAM	BUDGET	FTE
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2023 Approved Budget and FTE		1,357	9.0
No Change		0	0.0

Table DR0-5

(dollars in thousands)

DESCRIPTION	DIVISION/PROGRAM	BUDGET	FTE
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2024 Recurring Budget		1,357	9.0
Decrease: To align resources with operational spending goals	Rental Housing Commission	-1	0.0
Enhance: To support RHC Integrated Case Management System – Request for Information Development (one-time)	Rental Housing Commission	30	0.0
Reduce: To realize savings in nonpersonal services	Rental Housing Commission	-9	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2024 Mayor’s Proposed Budget		1,377	9.0
No Change		0	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2024 District’s Approved Budget		1,377	9.0

GROSS FOR DR0 - RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION 1,377 9.0

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Note: For more detailed information regarding the approved funding for interagency projects funded within this agency, please see Appendix J, FY 2024 Interagency Budgets, in the Executive Summary budget volume.

FY 2024 Approved Operating Budget Changes

Table DR0-6 contains the approved FY 2024 budget by fund compared to the FY 2023 approved budget.

Table DR0-6

Appropriated Fund	FY 2023 Approved	FY 2024 Approved	% Change from FY 2023
Local Funds	\$1,356,912	\$1,376,565	1.4
GROSS FUNDS	\$1,356,912	\$1,376,565	1.4

Mayor's Proposed Budget

Decrease: RHC's proposed Local budget includes a decrease of \$1,000 in the Rental Housing program to align resources with operational spending goals, primarily in Personal services.

Enhance: In Local funds, RHC budget proposal includes a one-time increase of \$30,000 across multiple programs to develop and publish a Request for Information for a state-of-the-art integrated case management system. An integrated system will improve services to constituents and the general public by providing web access services, including case search to attorneys, litigants, and the general public; and enable electronic cases filing for attorneys and self-represented litigants.

Reduce: In Local funds, RHC budget proposal includes a decrease of \$9,347 across multiple programs to realize savings in non-personal services.

District's Approved Budget

No Change: The Rental House Commission's budget proposal reflects no change from the Mayor’s proposed budget to the District’s approved budget.