
Rental Housing Commission

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Table DR0-1

Description	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	% Change
	Actual	Actual	Approved	Proposed	from FY 2024
OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,293,611	\$1,453,703	\$1,376,565	\$1,363,293	-1.0
FTEs	8.6	9.0	9.0	8.0	-11.1
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 of 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 2025 proposed budget is presented in the following tables:

FY 2025 Proposed Gross Funds Operating Budget and FTEs, by Revenue Type

Table DR0-2 contains the proposed FY 2025 budget by revenue type compared to the FY 2024 approved budget. It also provides FY 2022 and FY 2023 actual data.

Table DR0-2

(dollars in thousands)

Appropriated Fund	Dollars in Thousands						Full-Time Equivalents					
	Actual	Actual	Approved	Proposed	Change		Actual	Actual	Approved	Proposed	Change	
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	% Change*	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	% Change
GENERAL FUND												
Local Funds	1,294	1,454	1,377	1,363	-13	-1.0	8.6	9.0	9.0	8.0	-1.0	-11.1
TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	1,294	1,454	1,377	1,363	-13	-1.0	8.6	9.0	9.0	8.0	-1.0	-11.1
GROSS FUNDS	1,294	1,454	1,377	1,363	-13	-1.0	8.6	9.0	9.0	8.0	-1.0	-11.1

*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 2025 Operating Appendices** located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer’s website.

FY 2025 Proposed Operating Budget, by Account Group

Table DR0-3 contains the proposed FY 2025 budget at the Account Group level compared to the FY 2024 approved budget. It also provides FY 2022 and FY 2023 actual expenditures.

Table DR0-3

(dollars in thousands)

Account Group	Actual	Actual	Approved	Proposed	Change	
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	Percentage Change*
701100C - Continuing Full Time	948	1,005	929	929	0	0.0
701200C - Continuing Full Time - Others	76	165	165	165	0	0.0
701300C - Additional Gross Pay	44	15	0	0	0	N/A
701400C - Fringe Benefits - Current Personnel	194	224	205	209	4	2.1
SUBTOTAL PERSONNEL SERVICES (PS)	1,262	1,409	1,299	1,302	4	0.3
711100C - Supplies and Materials	2	1	1	1	0	0.0
712100C - Energy, Communications and Building Rentals	3	3	5	3	-2	-43.6
713100C - Other Services and Charges	17	34	35	45	10	29.9
713200C - Contractual Services - Other	0	0	30	5	-25	-84.6
717100C - Purchases Equipment and Machinery	3	1	0	0	0	N/A
717200C - Rentals Equipment and Other	6	6	7	7	0	0.0
SUBTOTAL NONPERSONNEL SERVICES (NPS)	32	45	78	61	-17	-22.0
GROSS FUNDS	1,294	1,454	1,377	1,363	-13	-1.0

*Percent change is based on whole dollars.

FY 2025 Proposed Operating Budget and FTEs, by Division/Program and Activity

Table DR0-4 contains the proposed FY 2025 budget by division/program and activity compared to the FY 2024 approved budget. It also provides FY 2022 and FY 2023 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 2022	Actual FY 2023	Approved FY 2024	Proposed FY 2025	Change from FY 2024	Actual FY 2022	Actual FY 2023	Approved FY 2024	Proposed FY 2025	Change from FY 2024
(EC0026) REGULATION										
(R02601) Rental Housing Regulation and Compliance	1,294	1,454	1,377	1,363	-13	8.6	9.0	9.0	8.0	-1.0
SUBTOTAL (EC0026)										
REGULATION	1,294	1,454	1,377	1,363	-13	8.6	9.0	9.0	8.0	-1.0
TOTAL PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET	1,294	1,454	1,377	1,363	-13	8.6	9.0	9.0	8.0	-1.0

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

Note: For more detailed information regarding the proposed funding for the activities within this agency’s programs, please see **Schedule 30-PBB Program Summary by Activity**. For detailed information on this agency’s Cost Center structure as reflected in the District’s Chart of Accounts, please see **Schedule 30-CC FY 2025 Proposed Operating Budget and FTEs, by Division/Office**. Additional information on this agency’s interagency agreements can be found in **Appendix H**. All schedules can be found in the FY 2025 Operating Appendices, Volume 6 located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer’s website.

Program Description

The Rental Housing Commission (RHC) operates through the following program:

Rental Housing Regulation and Compliance (Regulation) – 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 2025 proposed budget.

FY 2024 Approved Budget to FY 2025 Proposed Budget, by Revenue Type

Table DR0-5 itemizes the changes by revenue type between the FY 2024 approved budget and the FY 2025 proposed budget. For a more comprehensive explanation of changes, please see the FY 2025 Proposed Budget Changes section, which follows the table.

Table DR0-5

(dollars in thousands)

DESCRIPTION	DIVISION/PROGRAM	BUDGET	FTE
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2024 Approved Budget and FTE		1,377	9.0
Removal of One-Time Funding	Multiple Programs	-30	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2025 Recurring Budget		1,347	9.0
Increase: To align personnel services and Fringe Benefits with projected costs	Regulation	4	-1.0
Enhance: To support training and language access programs	Regulation	13	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2025 Mayor's Proposed Budget		1,363	8.0

GROSS FOR DR0 - RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION **1,363** **8.0**

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Note: For more detailed information regarding the proposed funding for interagency projects funded within this agency, please see Appendix J, FY 2025 Interagency Budgets, in the Executive Summary budget volume.

FY 2025 Proposed Operating Budget Changes

Table DR0-6 contains the proposed FY 2025 budget by fund compared to the FY 2024 approved budget.

Table DR0-6

Appropriated Fund	FY 2024 Approved	FY 2025 Proposed	% Change from FY 2024
Local Funds	\$1,376,565	\$1,363,293	-1.0
GROSS FUNDS	\$1,376,565	\$1,363,293	-1.0

Mayor's Proposed Budget

Increase: RHC's proposed Local funds budget includes an increase of \$3,728 to align the budget with projected personnel services costs. This adjustment includes the reduction of 1.0 Full Time Equivalent (FTE).

Enhance: In Local funds, the proposed budget includes an increase of \$13,000 to support training allowances for employees and enhanced language access programs.