

2018-2019 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT: Development Services

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REQUEST: What is this customer assistance program for low-income homeowners within the Development Services Department?

RESPONSE: The Development Services Department (DSD) is proposing the creation of a permit payment assistance program for low-income homeowners. The program was included in a report that DSD submitted to Council in April 2018 in response to the Family Homestead Initiative (see page 27 of the report).

DSD submitted a Request for Budget Proposal for \$250,000 of funding for the program for FY 2018-19. The proposal can be found on page 152 of the department-wide proposals submitted to Council on July 3, 2018. The requested funding was not included in the FY 2018-19 proposed budget.

Similar to grant programs that assist homeowner's with the cost of making needed home repairs, the permit payment assistance program would assist low-income homeowner's with paying permit fees for expanding/remodeling a homestead. If approved, DSD will seek stakeholder input to develop criteria for the program.