

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT For Council Action Items

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1. Name of Initiator Valerie Garrett	2. Telephone No. 3-5431	3. Bureau/Office/Dept. BPS
5a. To be filed (date) January 27, 2010	5b. Calendar (Check One) Regular Consent 4/5ths X	4. Date Submitted to FPD Budget January 8, 2010

1) Legislation Title:

Authorize intergovernmental agreement with METRO to accept funding the regional Green Development Resource Center housed in the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. (Ordinance)

2) Purpose of the Proposed Legislation:

The purpose of the proposed Ordinance is to permit the City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to enter into agreement with Metro in order to receive funding to maintain the Green Development Resource Center at BPS providing services in the Portland metropolitan region. Providing these services beyond the city limits of Portland will accelerate the spread of green building practices, carbon emissions reduction, waste reduction and site restoration activities throughout the Portland metropolitan region.

3) Revenue:

Will this legislation generate or reduce current or future revenue coming to the City? If so, by how much? If new revenue is generated please identify the source.

This legislation will result in the City receiving \$85,000 in FY09/10.

4) Expense:

What are the costs to the City as a result of this legislation? *(Please include costs in the current fiscal year as well as costs in future years) (If the action is related to a grant or contract please include the local contribution or match required)*

The money received pursuant to this legislation, together with funds already allocated to the Resource Center by BPS in its FY09/10 budget, will be spent on operating the Resource Center in FY09/10.

Staffing Requirements:

5) Will any positions be created, eliminated or re-classified in the current year as a result of this legislation? *(If new positions are created please include whether they will be part-time, full-time, limited term or permanent positions. If the position is limited term please indicate the end of the term.)*

No. One (1) limited term position created in FY07/08. The term will expire June 30, 2010.

6) Will positions be created or eliminated in future years as a result of this legislation?

No.

7) Change in Appropriations *(Please reflect the dollar amount to be appropriated by this legislation. Include the appropriate center codes and accounts that are to be loaded by accounting. Indicate "new" in Center Code column if new center needs to be created. Use additional space if needed.)*

The funds will be appropriated when this legislation is approved by council.

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1. **Ordinance Title:** Authorize intergovernmental agreement with METRO to accept funding for the regional Green Development Resource Center housed in the Office of Sustainable Development. (Ordinance)
2. **Contact Name, Department, & Phone Number:** Valerie Garrett, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, 503-823-5431
3. **Requested Council Date:** January 27, 2010

Consent Agenda Item: x **or** **Regular Agenda Item:**

Explain why this does or does not require a presentation or Council discussion:

Emergency Item (answer below): **or** **Non- Emergency Item:** X

If emergency, why does this need to take effect immediately:

4. History of Agenda Item/Background:

In 1994, a multi-disciplinary volunteer citizen group called the "Sustainable Portland Commission" was created to inform Council decisions concerning sustainable development. The citizen group drafted the Green Building Initiative to create a plan to expand market demand and make green building practices easier to implement in Portland.

In 2000, Commissioner Dan Saltzman rewrote the Green Building Initiative as the Green Building Policy and created the Green Building Division within the City's Office of Sustainable Development (OSD).

Green building helps governments, businesses and residents reduce energy use, create healthy spaces for people to live and work, conserve resources and minimize the quantity and toxicity of construction and demolition waste. Over the past decade, demand for information and resources related to green building practices has grown rapidly, reflected in the steadily increasing number of buildings certified by third-party rating systems such as Energy Star, Earth Advantage and LEED. Additionally, consumer demand is strong for products that are aligned with natural materials and processes.

Solid waste reduction programs benefit from green building, especially LEED projects where points are awarded for salvaging and recycling building materials. LEED builders are among the region's best C&D recyclers, with most Metro-area LEED projects achieving a 95% recovery level. Additionally, LEED provides a platform for educating builders and architects about cost-effective C&D waste management and recycling practices. This builder education includes tenets of good site planning, preserving natural functions of ecosystems and restoring damaged sites to provide habitat and promote biodiversity.

A key component of expanding interest in green building is the ready availability of credible information about resources, techniques, examples and financial incentives related to efficient, healthy and durable building practices. Although the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS), formerly OSD, is funded to serve residents and businesses only in Portland, its staff has become the de-facto regional source for public information on green building. BPS receives approximately 2,500 inquiries a year in the form of phone calls, e-mail and walk-ins. Most questions are from homeowners or developers seeking early design assistance, tips on how-to incorporate specific green features, product and contractor recommendations and information on financial incentives. More specific questions revolve around energy efficiency, site development, water conservation, stormwater management, building material recycling, carbon emissions, green jobs and healthy indoor environments.

BPS' green building program currently has four and a half (4.5) staff whose job duties include providing technical assistance to development projects in Portland. While BPS remains committed to providing technical assistance to Portland residents, a growing regional interest in green building reflects the need to create a resource that is not geographically bound to the city of Portland.

The regionally funded Resource Center and Green Building Hotline further increases waste reduction and site restoration activities throughout the metropolitan area. The Resource Center and Green Building Hotline is also a valuable complement to Metro's Recycling Information Hotline and generates leads for other local recycling and sustainability programs such as BEST Business Center, Solar Now!, Gresham's GREAT Business Recycling program, Clackamas County Office of Sustainability or Portland's business assistance services.

5. Purpose of Agenda Item:

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6. Legal Issues:

None.

7. What individuals or groups are or would be opposed to this ordinance? Supportive?

Opposed: None.

8. How Does This Relate to Current City Policies?

The activities to be funded by the agreements with the regional governments are consistent with Portland's Green Building Policy, as adopted by Resolution 35956 in 2001, updated in 2005 by Resolution 36310, and in 2009 by Resolution 36700; and with the City and County's Climate Action Plan, as adopted by Resolution 36748 in 2009.

9. Community Participation:

None

10. Other Government Participation:

Metro, Washington County and Clackamas County are the regional governments that BPS has confirmed will provide funding for the Resource

Center and from which BPS desires to accept funds. Multnomah County is an in-kind contributor

11. Financial Impact:

Passage of this ordinance will result in receipt by the City of approximately \$85,000 in FY09/10. This money, together with funds already allocated to the Resource Center by BPS in its FY09/10 budget, will be spent on operating the Resource Center in FY09/10.