

FINANCIAL IMPACT and PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT STATEMENT For Council Action Items

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4a. To be filed (hearing date): June 6, 2012	4b. Calendar (Check One) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/5ths <input type="checkbox"/> </div>		5. Date Submitted to Commissioner's office and FPD Budget Analyst: May 24, 2012
6a. Financial Impact Section: X Financial impact section completed		6b. Public Involvement Section: X Public involvement section completed	

1) Legislation Title:

*Authorize grant agreements and intergovernmental agreements with eleven non-profit and public entities related to the Community Watershed Stewardship Program. (Ordinance)

2) Purpose of the Proposed Legislation:

Provide funding to community partners to implement small on-the-ground restoration and education projects. These diverse projects will de-pave impervious surface, restore streamside areas, control erosion, naturescape landscapes and create bioswales and rain gardens while teaching community members of all ages about what individuals can do to improve watershed health.

Specific projects funded for 2012-13 are: Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center Engaging At-Risk Youth (\$9,819), PCC Sylvania Habitat Restoration Team Natural Area Park Restoration and Education (\$6,700), Friends of Tryon Creek Watershed Restoration Mentor Program (\$10,000), Pilgrim Lutheran Church Rain Garden (\$6,500), Gilbert Park School Outdoor Learning Area (\$10,000), Franciscan Montessori Earth School Windows into Wetlands (\$3,900), Groundwork Portland Green Teams (\$8,000), Franklin Gardens Nature Trail (\$7,450), Tabor Commons Sustainable Stormwater Display Shelter (\$8,100), Beach School Stormwater Gardens (\$8,160) and Depave Word & Spirit Church Parking Lot Greening (\$10,000). Additional community projects will be awarded mini-grants not exceeding \$500 for the purchase of native plants for stormwater and natural area restoration projects (\$6,871).

3) Which area(s) of the city are affected by this Council item? (Check all that apply—areas are based on formal neighborhood coalition boundaries)?

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City-wide/Regional | <input type="checkbox"/> Northeast | <input type="checkbox"/> Northwest | <input type="checkbox"/> North |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Northeast | <input type="checkbox"/> Southeast | <input type="checkbox"/> Southwest | <input type="checkbox"/> East |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central City | | | |

FINANCIAL IMPACT

4) Revenue: Will this legislation generate or reduce current or future revenue coming to the City? If so, by how much? If so, please identify the source.
No revenue will be generated.

5) Expense: What are the costs to the City as a result of this legislation? What is the source of funding for the expense? *(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. If there is a project estimate, please identify the level of confidence.)*

The City is awarding \$95,500 for eleven community projects that will be completed in fiscal year 12/13. Funds are available in the Sewer System Operating Fund, FY 2012-13 Budget ESWS000007.

6) Staffing Requirements:

- 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.

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

No.

(Complete the following section only if an amendment to the budget is proposed.)

7) Change in Appropriations *(If the accompanying ordinance amends the budget please reflect the dollar amount to be appropriated by this legislation. Include the appropriate cost elements that are to be loaded by accounting. Indicate "new" in Fund Center column if new center needs to be created. Use additional space if needed.)*

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount

[Proceed to Public Involvement Section — REQUIRED as of July 1, 2011]

8) Was public involvement included in the development of this Council item (e.g. ordinance, resolution, or report)? Please check the appropriate box below:

☒ YES: Please proceed to Question #9.

☐ NO: Please, explain why below; and proceed to Question #10.

9) If "YES," please answer the following questions:

a) What impacts are anticipated in the community from this proposed Council item?

CWSP grants support community-requested watershed stewardship activities. The community will be positively impacted by this item in part because the activity and project ideas come from, and are desired by, the community. Along with stormwater management results which provide direct environmental benefits and cost savings, projects also build skills, educate citizens, and beautify neighborhoods. Direct watershed health benefits include removal of invasive plants, habitat restoration, erosion control, tree planting and protection, removal of impervious surfaces, soil improvements which reduce stormwater runoff, and planting native vegetation. These grants also strengthen community ties through cooperative programs and volunteer participation which draw diverse groups together for joint activities and common goals.

Impacts include at-risk youth and other students gaining skills, knowledge and experience in construction and/or environmental careers. (Groundwork Portland Green Teams, POIC's project at Columbia Children's Arboretum, Tryon Creek Mentor Program provide these added benefits.) Several neighborhoods will have improved park and natural areas as restoration projects are completed. Landowners in Tryon Creek watershed will receive support as they undertake habitat improvement projects. Other neighborhoods will be enhanced by rain gardens, bioswales and planters added to schools, churches and commercial areas which are visible to or accessible by the entire community. For example, the labyrinth and rain garden at Pilgrim Lutheran Church will be open to the public and provide illustration for the naturescaping and rain garden workshops hosted in their building. The Nature Trail at Franklin High School enhances a walkway already in public use. Both of these grantees report that other garden and stormwater projects already completed at these sites have reduced criminal and undesirable activities on their property. Asphalt or concrete removal is an important element in the plans for Word & Spirit Church, Beach School and Pilgrim Lutheran Church; along with environmental benefits, grantees are looking forward to more beautiful and functional parking lots and playgrounds. Projects at Tabor Commons, PCC and Franciscan Montessori School, along with many others, include interpretive materials to educate the public about the value of stormwater and watershed restoration. Many projects also bring together community members in new cooperative activities. At Pilgrim Lutheran, English-speaking and Spanish-speaking congregations are working on their project together; Franciscan Montessori School's program involves children in the low income housing complex in the next block as well as those enrolled. Franklin High School's project includes elements to bridge divisions within the school community. Mini-grants for native plants support older projects when initial plantings fail or are damaged or expansion opportunities exist.

b) Which community and business groups, under-represented groups, organizations, external government entities, and other interested parties were involved in this effort, and when and how were they involved?

Outreach about the grant was provided as follows:

CWSP used direct telephone outreach and attendance at public events to promote the grants program this year. CWSP also provided extensive technical assistance to community groups that were interested in applying for grants and developing stewardship projects.

CWSP graduate students held three grant workshops to help prospective applicants write their proposals, at Central Library, Kenton Library, and East Portland Community Center.

Additionally, students attended East Portland Sunday Parkways and East Portland Expo, participated in a neighborhood bike ride with Powellhurst Gilbert NA and met with neighborhood coalition staff from SE Uplift and EPNO to learn about emerging stewardship organizations in their service areas.

Direct support to interested groups was provided direct telephone outreach to over 30 organizations. Additional assistance or advice was provided to over 50 organizations. CWSP staff held meetings, on site consultations, and arranged technical assistance for 19 organizations out of the 50.

c) How did public involvement shape the outcome of this Council item?

Groups who applied for grants had realistic timelines and budgets and strong partnerships.

d) Who designed and implemented the public involvement related to this Council item?



The public involvement plan for the grants was developed by BES staff Jennifer Devlin and PSU graduate students Rebecca Hamilton and Garrett Phillips.

e) Primary contact for more information on this public involvement process (name, title, phone, email):

Jennifer Devlin BES Environmental Program Coordinator 503.823.6182 jennifer.devlin@portlandoregon.gov

10) Is any future public involvement anticipated or necessary for this Council item? Please describe why or why not.

A variety of public involvement activities will occur around each of the projects, led by the community members awarded the grants and supported by Portland State University students and faculty.

APPROPRIATION UNIT HEAD (Typed name and signature)



CITY OF PORTLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



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City Council
Agenda Item
Staff Supplemental Report

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TO: Commissioner Dan Saltzman
THROUGH: Matt Grumm or Amy Trieu

FROM: Jennifer Devlin 503-823-6182

DATE: May 14, 2012

RE: *Authorize grant agreements and intergovernmental agreements with eleven non-profit and public entities related to the Community Watershed Stewardship Program. (Ordinance)

Requested Council Hearing Date: June 6, 2012

I. RECOMMENDATION

Authorize grant agreements and intergovernmental agreements with eleven non-profit and public entities related to the Community Watershed Stewardship Program. (Ordinance)

II. BACKGROUND

Local organizations have been participating in the city's Community Watershed Stewardship Program since its start in 1995. To date, CWSP has granted \$876,000 to 198 projects. As of mid 2011, these funds were matched by \$3.3 million in community support through donations of services, materials and volunteer time. Over 41,000 people have donated 325,000 volunteer hours, planted 135,000 native plants and trees, restored over 64 acres of riparian and upland habitat, and enhanced over 52,000 linear feet of streams. Community Watershed Stewardship projects can be found along streams and sidewalks, in parks, schoolyards, church parking lots, below downspouts and up on roofs.

The primary elements of the program are education, watershed improvements, evaluation and documentation of progress, school curriculum based watershed involvement, and technical/financial support to citizens. This year's projects include: Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center Engaging At-Risk Youth (\$9,819), PCC Sylvania Habitat Restoration Team Natural Area Park Restoration and Education (\$6,700), Friends of Tryon Creek Watershed Restoration Mentor Program (\$10,000), Pilgrim Lutheran Church Rain Garden (\$6,500), Gilbert Park School Outdoor Learning Area (\$10,000), Franciscan Montessori Earth School Windows into Wetlands (\$3,900), Groundwork Portland Green Teams (\$8,000), Franklin Gardens Nature Trail (\$7,450), Tabor Commons Sustainable Stormwater Display Shelter (\$8,100), Beach School Stormwater Gardens (\$8,160) and Depave Word & Spirit Church Parking Lot Greening (\$10,000). Additional community projects will be award mini-grants not exceeding \$500 each for the purchase of native plants for stormwater and natural area restoration projects (\$6,871).

III. FINANCIAL IMPACT

\$95,500 total will be awarded. These dollars are in the BES operating budget ESWS000007.

IV. LEGAL ISSUES

None.

V. CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES

None.

VI. LINK TO CURRENT CITY POLICIES

This program is consistent with City policies of citizen participation, partnership with other institutions, commitment to equity and sustainability.

VII. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

The program is specifically designed to encourage community involvement in watershed projects. Ranking criteria includes partnerships and equity components.

VIII. OTHER GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION

Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center Engaging At-Risk Youth:

- Staff at Rosemary Anderson High School and Woodlawn School will be involved as students participate in projects.
- Portland Parks & Recreation (Parks) staff (City Nature East) will provide technical expertise to the project and coordinate restoration activities.
- This project builds on restoration work done by BES Revegetation group in the past decade.

PCC Sylvania Habitat Restoration Team Natural Area Park Restoration and Education:

- Parks staff (City Nature West) coordinates restoration activities in the Sylvania Nature Park and provides mulch and staff assistance.

Friends of Tryon Creek Watershed Restoration Mentor Program:

- OWEB is supporting this project with a small grant.
- BES provides technical assistance to landowners.

Pilgrim Lutheran Church Rain Garden:

- East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District grant is pending for an expanded project.

Gilbert Park School Outdoor Learning Area:

- Portland Parks SUN school staff will provide naturescaping education and coordinate garden maintenance volunteers.
- David Douglas School District staff will provide project coordination.

Groundwork Portland Green Teams:

- East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District grant is pending.
- Environmental Projection Agency grant (\$500) is providing additional project support.

- BES staff will help coordinate on-the-job education and skill building activities and lead educational bioaccumulation activities.
- Parks staff will help lead activities and coordinate projects in park properties.

Franklin Gardens Nature Trail:

- Portland Public Schools staff coordinates student involvement, and provides permission for building use.
- Parks SUN school staff lead garden activities.

Tabor Commons Sustainable Stormwater Display Shelter:

- East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District PIC grant is pending.

Beach School Stormwater Gardens:

- BES Clean Rivers Education Program is providing classroom and field education at the site.
- BES Stormwater Retrofits is providing technical assistance and signage to the project.

Depave Word & Spirit Church Parking Lot Greening:

- BES Stormwater Retrofits is providing technical assistance to the project.

IX. FINANCIAL IMPACT ON LOCAL ECONOMY

IF APPLICABLE, PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ESTIMATED NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED BY THIS ACTION –

Approximately 33 short-term positions will be created for at-risk youth and young adults; other small commissions for contractors, a muralist and a poet-in-residence.

IF THIS ACTION IS CONTRACT-RELATED, PROVIDE INFORMATION ON M/W/ESB PARTICIPATION (NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE)

- X. IF THIS IS A CONTRACT, DOES CONTRACTOR HAVE A CURRENT BUSINESS LICENSE? ____ WHAT IS THEIR BUSINESS LICENSE NUMBER? ____ IS THEIR ACCOUNT WITH THE CITY CURRENT? ____ IF NOT, HOW MUCH IS OWING? ____ N/A