

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: * Accept a grant in the amount of \$400,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for Brownfields Petroleum & Hazardous Substances Assessments (Ordinance)
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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The U.S. EPA makes grants available for the assessment of properties, known as brownfields, which are properties with known or potential contamination. BES manages the Portland Brownfield Program, which provides environmental assessment assistance on brownfield properties, in order to protect human and environmental health, protect watersheds, increase the tax base, accommodate regional economic growth, keep business in Portland, and improve community identity.

Since 1998, the City of Portland has secured \$2.18 million in environmental assessment and remediation grants from the U.S. EPA. These funds have been dedicated to projects and new funds are required to continue providing assistance. These new grant funds will be used to provide assessments on brownfield properties that require these services in order to be developed.

This petroleum and hazardous substances assessment work is consistent with the City's policies related to environmental quality, economic development, and community health.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

There will be \$400,000 in new grant revenue. The grant from EPA does not require local match.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The BES Portland Brownfield Program facilitates the Brownfield Advisory Committee. The committee consists of a diverse set of stakeholders representing a range of individuals and organizations impacted by and/or involved in brownfield redevelopment. A portion of the grant funding will provide education and outreach about brownfield impacts and resources to community groups, individuals, and businesses.

Organizations supportive of this ordinance action include other City agencies; brownfield property owners; Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc.; Groundwork Portland; Coalition for a Livable Future; East Portland Action Plan; Constructing Hope; Oregon Public Health Department; Oregon Department of Environmental Quality; property developers; residents; business owners and workers adjacent to brownfield properties; and community based organizations.

Work conducted under the proposed action could involve coordination with the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, Portland Parks and Recreation, Portland Development Commission, City Hall, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Business Oregon, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Multnomah County, Oregon Health Authority, Metro, and Port of Portland.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet**Does this action change appropriations?**

- ☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.
☒ **NO:** Skip this section

Funds will be budgeted in Spring BMP 2016/2017 as needed.

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