## ORDINANCE No. 188118

*Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 with Portland State University for technical assistance and business consultation services to small, womenowned and/or minority-owned businesses to increase the number and diversity of B Corp certified businesses in Portland (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:
Section 1. The Council finds:
A. Certified Benefit Corporation or B Corps demonstrate a proven commitment to business practices that benefit the City of Portland, such as paying their employees a livable wage, incorporating charitable giving into the work place, adopting sustainable business practices, etc.; and
B. In order to become a B Corp, businesses need to complete B Lab's certification process, which measures their current business practices in four separate categories: Governance, Workers, Community, and Environment; and
C. For many businesses, especially the smaller, minority- and women-owned business, achieving certification is difficult on their own, due of lack of awareness/education on the subject, the amount of time needed to document, research and/or implement practices, or lack of funds to support necessary changes; and
D. The City has the opportunity to support organizations who are already providing education and technical assistance to businesses in Oregon, in hopes of increasing the number of businesses adopting the practices championed by B Corp certification; and
E. PSU Business Outreach Program's (BOP) mission is to help local small businesses, including emerging, minority, and women-owned businesses, achieve their potential while providing students with opportunities for community-based learning; and
F. PSU BOP has a proven history of providing technical assistance and business consulting services to small business owners and micro-entrepreneurs through professional one-onone consulting to clients enrolled in their long-term support programs, as well as through workshops, trainings, and peer-based learning opportunities to entrepreneurs in the community.

NOW, THERFORE, the Council directs:
a. That the Mayor is authorized to execute a grant agreement not to exceed $\$ 25,000$ with the Portland State University in a form substantially similar to the agreement attached as Exhibit A.

Section 2. The Council declares that an emergency exists because a delay in proceeding could delay the implementation of this program; therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

Passed by the Council: NOV 302016
Mayor Charlie Hales
Prepared by: Rachael Wiggins
Date Prepared: 11/21/2016

## Mary Hull Caballero

Auditor of the City of Portland


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