

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: * Authorize grant agreement with Earth Advantage for \$61,000 to fund a Deconstruction Technician Training. (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

- On July 6, 2016, City Council approved Ordinance No. 187876 requiring deconstruction for the city's oldest and most historic houses and ensuring that adequate deconstruction training is available.
- On July 20, 2016, City Council approved Ordinance 187901 to allow BPS to accept funds from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in the amount of \$35,700 to partially support this training.
- With the assistance of a local workforce development consultant, the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability convened a group of stakeholders to develop a training and certification plan for deconstruction workforce and contractors.
- The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability estimates that 18 individuals need to be trained in order to meet hiring needs of deconstruction contractors to support the new requirements.
- The proposed legislation would authorize the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) to provide grant funds to Earth Advantage, a Portland based nonprofit organization, to plan and host a 12.5-day deconstruction technician training.
- This training will be available to selected participants at no cost to them.
- The proposed legislation supports goals, policies, and actions associated with the Climate Action Plan Update, the Comprehensive Plan Update, and the Portland Recycles! Plan.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

- This action would authorize BPS to grant funding in the amount of \$61,000 to Earth Advantage to organize and deliver a deconstruction technician training.
- The funding will come from Grant PN000069 in the amount of \$35,700, \$ 13,500 to Grant PN000051, and \$11,800 chargeable to the cost object 8PNGB0000001 in the Solid Waste and Management Fund.

Community impacts and community involvement:

- There are currently 10 Certified Deconstruction Contractors that are eligible to perform the work outlined in the City's deconstruction requirements.
- Training new deconstruction technicians is key to the successful implementation of the City's new deconstruction requirement.
- The Deconstruction Ordinance (No. 187876) prioritizes training for people of color, women, and other historically underrepresented groups in the field of construction as a means to provide equitable opportunities within the industry.
- Earth Advantage is a Portland-based nonprofit whose mission is to accelerate the creation of better buildings. They provide knowledge to building professionals and information to

consumers through certification, research, education, and product development to move the building industry towards more sustainable practices.

- Testimony regarding the request grant funds to Earth Advantage is not expected.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

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