

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Authorize a Special Appropriation grant agreement with Portland State University, Institute on Aging in an amount not to exceed \$98,000 for support of the Age-Friendly Portland initiative (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

- In 2013, City of Portland Council passed a Resolution accepting the Action Plan for an Age-Friendly Portland, which contained ten domains, or areas, of focus. Guiding the implementation of the Action Plan is the Age-Friendly Portland Advisory Council (now called the Age-Friendly Advisory Council of Portland and Multnomah County), which is coordinated by PSU IOA.
- PSU IOA currently serves as the coordinator of the Age-Friendly Portland and Multnomah County Initiative, convener of the Age-Friendly Advisory Council of Portland and Multnomah County (hereafter referred to as Advisory Council) and its committees, and active collaborator in shaping our communities to become more “friendly” – that is, healthy and livable – for people of all ages and abilities. The Age-Friendly Portland efforts, as well as those in Multnomah County, are viewed nationally and internationally as models for other communities.
- The Advisory Council’s mission is to meet the needs and engage the strengths of all people and organizations toward the goal of building a community for all ages, working in concert with the City and County Commissioners and Bureaus/Departments, as well as the private and non-profit sectors and community members themselves, to implement the City’s and County’s Action Plans for an Age-Friendly Portland and Multnomah County.
- The preservation and improvement of older adults’ physical, social and emotional health and well-being has been at the core of the initiative’s community-based work. This is reflected not only in a recently established Healthy Services, Prevention, and Equity Committee, but also in the Advisory Council’s holistic conception of health and well-being as important aspects and outcomes of all ten domains of age friendliness: (1) housing, (2) transportation, (3) outdoor spaces and buildings, (4) employment and the economy, (5) civic participation and volunteering, (6) social participation, (7) respect and social inclusion, (8) health services, (9) community services, and (10) communication and information. Various partners from the health and community service sectors have enriched the initiative as a whole with their invaluable expertise and long-standing commitment to this project.
- Collaborators from the health and community service sectors include representatives from Oregon Healthy and Sciences University, Cambia Health, Oregon Health Care Association, Oregon Community Health Worker Association, Multnomah County Health Department, Independent Public Health Services, Care Oregon, Kaiser Permanente, Oregon Public Health Institute, and Oregon Healthiest State Initiative. Other represented organizations focusing on specific aspects of wellbeing (e.g., food security, brain health, physical activity, social inclusion, aging in place) include Store to Door, PreSERVE Coalition, Meals on Wheels People, Portland Parks and Recreation, and Villages Northwest.

- PSU's Institute on Aging received a special appropriations grant during the Fall BMP 2015-16 funding cycle for the Age-Friendly Portland initiative (\$51,765.57). That funding was available to PSU from February 16, 2016 through August 31, 2016. The project is ongoing. The majority of the original outcomes have been completed, but as a result of age-friendly efforts, the initiative has continuously evolved and grown; consequently, so have the efforts necessary to maintain and advance. For instance, working committees require coordination and staffing; an increasing number of community events require planning and execution; and a growing number of community members and partner organizations are interested in participating and learning more about age-friendly communities, aging in place, and aging with dignity and purpose. Grant funding for necessary personnel and resources is needed to maintain the ability to sustain and advance the initiative.
- Portland and the region are aging in a rapid and unprecedented manner. This presents both a challenge to meet the needs of this population and an opportunity to harness the collective power of our older citizens.
- In 2013, the Advisory Council presented an Action Plan for an Age-Friendly Portland to Portland's City Council, which was adopted unanimously. The ongoing implementation of the Action Plan is occurring through the work of the Advisory Council and Committees, policy recommendations, and projects and activities associated with the initiative (e.g., 2016 Aging Well Conference).
- PSU IOA has coordinated the Age-Friendly Portland initiative since 2006, when it conducted the baseline assessment to determine the age-friendly features and barriers and suggestions for improvement.
- The 2015-16 City funding enable PSU IOA and the Advisory Council to: carry out critical work related in the area of age-friendly housing; establish an age-friendly Capstone course for PSU students; coordinate and monitor the ongoing efforts; and explore new opportunities and collaborations to keep moving forward.
- FY2016-17 funding would be used to maintain the ongoing operations of the initiative (e.g., convene Advisory Council and Committee meetings) and to implement specific projects and activities related to the Council-approved Action Plan, including:
 - Redesign of the existing website to improve age-friendly communication and information
 - Creation of a planning matrix aimed to improve the age friendliness of Portland's housing stock with City and community partners.
 - Refinement of the Action Plan for an Age-Friendly Portland
 - Planning and convening of the 2016 and 2017 Aging Well conference.
 - Collaboration with PSU students and community partners to carry out the PSU Capstone course
 - 2017 annual progress report to City Council.
 - Advancing contributions of older Portlanders and building of intergenerational partnerships.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

Funding for this grant is available in the FY2016-17 budget in the General Fund Special Appropriations.

Community impacts and community involvement:

Portlanders and visitors to Portland of all ages and abilities are the beneficiaries of the age-friendly initiative. This includes, but is not limited to: older adults, people with disabilities, cyclists, families, and youth.

The initiative is committed to the broad spectrum of equity-related challenges that the City of Portland, Multnomah County, and the greater region faces. This includes a focus on race, ethnicity and disability, as well as age, gender, sexual orientation, and other intrapersonal characteristics that can impact individuals' ability to attain health, well-being and quality of life.

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