

**ORDINANCE No. 188236**

\*Authorize a Special Appropriation grant agreement with Metropolitan Public Defenders in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to implement the Immigrant Protection Program (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. Portland-area immigrants are afraid and confused by the Trump administration's executive orders on immigration, which significantly but unclearly expand the group of people prioritized for deportation and limit the ability of immigrants to travel.
2. Conduct by Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials within Oregon Courthouses and further statements by the Trump administration have exacerbated that fear and confusion, creating an environment where thousands of people in Portland's immigrant community desperately need the assistance of lawyers who understand both immigration law and the downstream effects of an arrest or criminal accusation.
3. An immigrant population that is unable to interact with law enforcement or the court system, for fear of being deported, is much more likely to be victimized by, among other things, domestic violence, workplace sexual assault and wage theft.
4. Leaders within the greater Portland area's immigrant community see an urgent need for additional free, confidential legal assistance for low-income immigrants so that vulnerable community members and their loved ones can appropriately understand the dangers that confront them without being paralyzed by fear; craft individualized legal solutions; utilize the court system where needed; and create safety plans for children to prepare for the possibility of deportation.
5. For forty-five years the Metropolitan Public Defender has provided free legal assistance to low-income Oregonians to protect their civil rights in court proceedings, including immigration, criminal justice work and, record relief.
6. The Metropolitan Public Defender is working with community leaders to create the Immigrant Protection Project, which will employ two attorneys to provide information, outreach, and direct legal representation to members of Portland's immigrant community so they can properly protect themselves and their families.
7. The Immigrant Protection Project will provide immediate, practical assistance to immigrants navigating the tumult of recent changes in federal policy.
8. Immigrant Protection Project attorneys will provide free legal help to vulnerable

immigrants at and in partnership with the community organizations where immigrant communities already feel safe and connected.

9. The Immigrant Protection Project has a project budget of \$250,000, and by providing an emergency grant, the City of Portland can enable the Metropolitan Public Defender to immediately begin implementation and help leverage additional funding support.
10. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Oregon, Oregon Law Center, Immigrant Refugee Community Organization (IRCO), and the Oregon Latino Health Coalition have endorsed the Immigrant Protection Project.
11. Metropolitan Public Defender's mission is consistent with Council's equity and inclusion goals.

NOW THEREFORE, The Council directs:

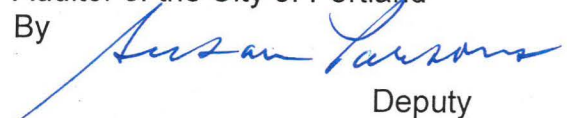
- a. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into and amend a grant agreement, as outlined in a form substantially in accordance with the agreement attached as Exhibit A, at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00.
- b. Council directs the City Budget Office to allocate \$50,000 from General Fund Contingency to Special Appropriations to fund the above grant as part of the FY 2016-17 Spring BMP process.
- c. The Mayor and Auditor are hereby authorized to draw and deliver payment chargeable to the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget
- d. The City Council hereby waives the competitive application process for grants as required in FIN 2.04 – Budget.

Section 2. The Council declares that an emergency exists because immigrants in Portland are feeling threatened and the services to be provided by the Metropolitan Public Defenders are needed without delay. Therefore this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

Passed by the Council: **FEB 15 2017**

Commissioner      Amanda Fritz  
Prepared by:      Tim Crail  
Date Prepared:    February 7, 2017

Mary Hull Caballero  
Auditor of the City of Portland  
By

  
Deputy

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INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: <i>ch</i> <b>Mayor Ted Wheeler</b> / <i>Amanda Fritz</i>	CLERK USE: DATE FILED <b>FEB 07 2017</b>
<b>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</b> Mayor—Finance & Administration - Wheeler Position 1/Utilities - Fritz <i>Amanda Fritz</i> Position 2/Works - Fish Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman Position 4/Safety - Eudaly	Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland  By: <i>[Signature]</i> Deputy
<b>BUREAU APPROVAL</b> Bureau: Office of Commissioner Amanda Fritz	<b>ACTION TAKEN:</b>
Prepared by: Tim Crail Date Prepared: February 7, 2017	
Impact Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/>	
Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>City Auditor Office Approval:</b> required for Code Ordinances	
<b>City Attorney Approval:</b> required for contract, code, easement, franchise, comp plan, charter <i>bf</i>	
Council Meeting Date <b>2/15/2017</b>	

AGENDA	FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:	
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<b>CONSENT</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>REGULAR</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total amount of time needed: <b>5 minutes</b> (for presentation, testimony and discussion)	1. Fritz 2. Fish 3. Saltzman 4. Eudaly Wheeler	1. Fritz 2. Fish 3. Saltzman 4. Eudaly Wheeler	✓ ✓ ✓ _____ ✓