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## IMPACT STATEMENT

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Date: December 21, 2016

Council Date: February 15, 2017

Legislation Title: \*Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County Department of Community Justice in the amount of \$375,000 to hire at-risk youth for outdoor maintenance and landscape services (Ordinance)

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### **Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:**

The purpose of this ordinance is to continue the relationship with Multnomah County Department of Community Justice for at-risk youths to aid in the Water Bureau's function of outdoor maintenance and landscape services. The Water Bureau has worked with the Multnomah County Department of Juvenile Justices' Project Payback Program (Program) successfully for over 25 years. The Program provides on-the-job training including developing good work habits while providing continuing maintenance of Water Bureau grounds sites.

The County crews that are provided help Portland Water Bureau crews in various ways: they assist in helping with clearing, cleaning and maintaining capital projects, or high impact and/or visible areas; they assist in restoration mandates from capital projects that have been completed and that call for warranty work over a certain amount of time; and, depending on the size of their crew; help with maintenance projects requiring independent work in a specified setting or task that Portland Water Bureau crews aren't able to handle due to numbers or other assignments.

### **Financial and budgetary impacts:**

The City and Multnomah County will enter into a formal agreement in the sum not to exceed \$375,000. The Portland Water Bureau currently has funding in FY 2016-17 and intends to request funds for the Agreement in through FY 2020-2021. The proposed action will not result in a change staffing levels nor in the forecast water rates.

### **Community impacts and community involvement:**

In particular, the City is interested in, and has objectives in, hiring young at risk youth in an effort to assist broader community goals as well as filling the needs of the City. The City has worked

with the County’s Juvenile Justice Project Payback Program in a very successful effort to address the City’s objectives.

This is a long-standing agreement between the Water Bureau and Multnomah County provides several benefits to the community. First, the public receives the benefit of more frequently cleared, cleaned and maintained capital projects, and maintenance projects that would not otherwise be done due to Portland Water Bureau crews on other assignments. Second, at risk youths in the program have the opportunity to work alongside experienced crews and the chance to make a positive impact on their community.

**Budgetary Impact Worksheet**

**Does this action change appropriations?**

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

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


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