

**IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Legislation title:** \*Authorize grant agreement of \$50,000 with the Kenton Action Plan, dba North Portland Community Works, to provide liability insurance coverage for neighborhood association and community activities in North Portland (Ordinance)

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

The City of Portland, Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) funds North Portland Neighborhood Services (NPNS), a city-administered neighborhood office, to support community based citizen involvement in the North Portland Neighborhood Services area which includes neighborhood associations and community building projects and programs. Part of the City of Portland's commitment to enhance and maintain a population involved in their communities and their government is to provide insurance services including General Liability and Directors and Officers insurance for community-driven activities.

City Council adopted the Five-Year Plan for Increasing Community Involvement on February 27, 2008. In that plan Recommendation Four called for supporting community gatherings, fairs, and festivals to promote face-to-face relationship-building. This funding removes a barrier for many of these gatherings which require liability insurance coverage.

The Kenton Action Plan. has the fiscal capacity and connections with local organizations which make them uniquely suited to provide this service to the community. The Kenton Action Plan is the only organization with all eleven neighborhood associations in North Portland as members.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

A total of \$10,000 in General Fund dollars is allocated to the Kenton Action Plan (KAP) to provide liability insurance coverage for community activities during the 2016/2017 fiscal year, and Directors and Officers insurance for the neighborhood associations and other community-based organizations in North Portland for the 2016/2017 fiscal year.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

The services purchased will provide support of community based citizen involvement through insurance services for the North Portland Neighborhood Services District including coverage for 25 community building groups including eleven neighborhood associations. Insurance services include General Liability, Non-Owned Auto, Directors and Officers and Accident insurance. These services are part of the City of Portland's commitment to enhance and maintain involved volunteers in their communities and their government.

## Impact Statement for Requested Council Action

The North Portland Neighborhood Services District is part of the City of Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement system of service delivery to neighborhood associations and citizens throughout the City of Portland. Five of the districts currently receive the above described outreach services through dedicated agreements, but this is one of the offices that is run by City staff with some services provided through the established non-profit Kenton Action Plan.

In previous years, the City purchased required insurance through Risk Management. As the City is not the recipient of the insurance, it was later deemed more appropriately purchased directly by the organization that is securing the insurance on behalf of the neighborhoods. In conversation with Risk Management staff, it was then recommended that ONI pursue having Kenton Action Plan secure and pay the insurance directly and then be reimbursed by the City as has been done for the past many years. The Kenton Action Plan has served this role for the past many years and does so charging no fees of any kind for administering this program.

### 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