

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Authorize grant agreement of \$12,900 with the Kenton Action Plan, dba North Portland Community Works, to give out as neighborhood small grants in North Portland Neighborhood Services (NPNS) district. (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.

The Neighborhood Small Grants Program provides neighborhood and community organizations an opportunity to expand their community-building capacity, attract new and diverse members and sustain those already involved.

This program has been adopted as part of the FY 17 ONI budget and is funded with a total of \$12,900 through City General Fund dollars.

Kenton Action Plan, dba North Portland Community Works, is a nonprofit organization working in collaboration with North Portland Neighborhood Services, the District Coalition office funded by ONI, to distribute small grants and provide civic engagement services within the target area of North Portland Neighborhood Services

Financial and budgetary impacts:

A total of \$12,900 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 Neighborhood Small Grants Program first was funded in 2007 and, since then, has engaged numerous neighborhood and community organizations and thousands of community members in hundreds of neighborhood and community projects. ONI's annual budget request for the grant program is developed by the ONI Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) with significant community involvement. ONI works closely with each neighborhood District Coalition to review and update the program's criteria and to reach out to the community to publicize the program. Each District Coalition organizes a grant making committee of neighborhood leaders and a diverse range of community-based

organization leaders that reviews grant applications and recommends grant projects to fund. Historically about 50% of the grants are distributed to neighborhood/geographically-based organizations, 40% go to historically underrepresented youth, people of color, immigrants and refugees, low-income and disability organizations, and the remaining 10% to a wide range of other categories. Grants typically range from \$500 to \$3,000, mostly for volunteer-led community building projects.

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