

ORDINANCE No. 188452

\* Approve a grant agreement with Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services, a non-profit corporation, to provide immigration legal assistance and relief at the Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services for \$60,000 (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. The Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services opened in 2010 and is supported by both the City of Portland and Multnomah County. The City provides administrative personnel, contracts for advocacy and legal services, and supports access to restraining orders through a partnership with the Multnomah County Circuit Court. Multnomah County provides the 11,000 square foot building the Center operates in, as well as prosecution, security and mental health services.
2. Civil legal assistance is currently provided by Legal Aid Services of Oregon (LASO). While LASO can represent some survivors of domestic violence seeking immigration relief, their ability to do so is limited by time and resources.
3. Immigrant visitors to the Gateway Center numbers have been dropping. For example, in prior years, Latino survivors represented between 17% to 20% of all visitors. In 2017, that number dropped to 11%.
4. Many survivors are eligible for immigration relief specific to their status as domestic violence survivors and as crime victims. Currently, most immigrants seeking legal relief are referred outside the Gateway Center for those services.
5. Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services (CCILS) has significant expertise in providing services specifically to domestic violence survivors. For over a decade, a portion of their program has exclusively served victims of domestic and sexual violence.
6. The Gateway Center has an existing partnership with El Programa Hispano Catolico (EPH), which was formerly a program of Catholic Charities, and is now an incorporated organization of Catholic Charities. EPH has a full time navigator/advocate working at the Gateway Center. While making this grant agreement discrete from the navigator grant agreement, it could also be structured as an expansion of that partnership.
7. The EPH navigator and the attorneys from CCILS have a unique opportunity to provide wrap-around services to survivors of domestic violence who are eligible for immigration relief based on their status as survivors.

8. CCILS has for the past 20 years built an extraordinarily positive reputation with the immigrant community as providing high-quality immigration legal services in a nonprofit setting. By associating with Catholic Charities the Gateway Center hopes to send a message to the greatest number of individuals that the Gateway Center continues to be a safe place to seek help.
9. CCILS uniquely offers "Know Your Rights" workshops and can bring those workshops to the Gateway Center.
10. The Gateway Center reached out to similarly situated organizations that provide immigration legal services and Catholic Charities was the only one that expressed interest in partnering on this pilot.
11. The Gateway Center has the space to host CCILS one day a week. During that day, CCILS can provide intake and consultation for immigrant survivors of domestic violence. Further, this pilot will allow CCILS to seek visas for 20 to 25 survivors of domestic violence.
12. Operational funding is available for these pilot services for one year, or until June 30, 2018 in the amount of \$60,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. The Commissioner of Public Affairs is authorized to sign a grant agreement with Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services in substantial conformance with the one attached as Exhibit A and approved as to form by the City Attorney.
- b. The grant funding for the additional civil legal services will be from the Center's ongoing operations budget. \$60,000 will be dispersed to fund services through June 30, 2018.

Section 2. The Council declares that an emergency exists because a delay in approving the attached agreement would jeopardize the ability of the City to fund these vital programs in a timely manner; therefore this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by Council.

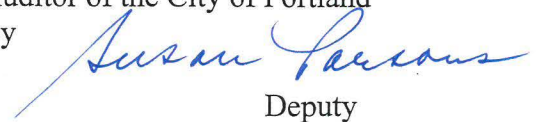
Passed by the Council:

JUN 14 2017

Commissioner Dan Saltzman  
Prepared by: Martha Strawn Morris  
Date Prepared: June 5, 2017

**Mary Hull Caballero**  
Auditor of the City of Portland

By

  
Deputy

Agenda No.

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<b>BUREAU APPROVAL</b> Bureau: Commissioner Saltzman Bureau Head: Commissioner Saltzman	
Prepared by: Diana Lee Date Prepared: June 6th, 2017	
Impact Statement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget	
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>[Signature]</i>	
Council Meeting Date	

<b>AGENDA</b>
<b>TIME CERTAIN</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Start time: _____ Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)
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<b>REGULAR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
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1. Fritz	1. Fritz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2. Fish	2. Fish	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4. Eudaly	4. Eudaly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Wheeler	Wheeler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	