

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** Authorize Memorandum of Understanding with the American Red Cross for Cooperation in Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery

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

The City relies on the American Red Cross (ARC) as an important partner in emergency response. The ARC helps Portland residents displaced by house fires, landslides, and other disasters large and small. Red Cross staff and volunteers are often at the scene assisting survivors of these events. The ARC also works closely with the City and other regional response partners to prepare for large-scale disasters.

The Portland Bureau of Emergency Management (PBEM) coordinates the City's emergency response and coordinates closely with the Red Cross. The voluntary cooperation between the City and the Red Cross is recorded in a memorandum of understanding approved by the City Council and signed by the directors of the ARC and PBEM. A similar five-year agreement expired this spring.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

This agreement records the practice of cooperation among City and Red Cross staff in the course of their normal work. It does not have financial or budgetary impacts.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

This agreement promotes cooperation by City employees and Red Cross staff and volunteers as they both work to serve all Portlanders impacted by disasters. A disaster can happen to anyone, so this agreement serves all Portlanders. It does not have a specific geographic or demographic focus.

A representative of the Red Cross is expected to testify in support of this agreement.

**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