

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: * Authorize an application to Oregon Office of Emergency Management for a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) grant (FEMA-4296-DR-OREGON) in the amount of up to \$1,350,000 for Johnson Creek floodplain acquisition (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

HMGP funds would be used to purchase land within the City's Johnson Creek Willing Seller Program acquisition target areas to mitigate nuisance flooding along Johnson Creek and its tributaries. Flooding in Johnson Creek results from direct surface runoff and increased groundwater discharge and poses problems in residential, commercial, and public areas. Prior to the City's restoration efforts, Johnson Creek had a history of flooding every two years on average, damaging roads, homes and businesses.

The HMGP grant would allow the City of Portland to acquire properties located within Johnson Creek's 100-year floodplain. Purchasing these properties will not only remove the specific properties from potential future damage but will also facilitate restoration projects that will create flood storage to reduce damage to structures and threats to public safety elsewhere.

BES received HMGP funding in 1996 to purchase flood-prone properties in the Johnson Creek Watershed.

Funding from the HMGP will directly support implementation of the City's *Johnson Creek Restoration Plan* (JCRP, 2001), which calls for restoring natural resource functions to increase flood storage, improve fish and wildlife habitat, and restore wetlands.

Council action to apply for this grant is required in order to authorize compliance with FEMA Form 20-16B: Assurances – Construction Program.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

This Council action does not amend the City budget. If this grant application is successful, an ordinance to accept this grant will be brought to Council to amend the budget at that time. If awarded, grant funds (up to \$1,350,000) will be used to acquire up to eight properties from willing sellers. Grant funds will be used to leverage the City's capital investment in the purchase of these properties. The total budget estimated for acquisition and stabilization is \$1,800,000.

If awarded, this grant will require a 25% cost share of local match in the amount of up to \$450,000. Matching funds will be budgeted in BES project E10040 as part of the Sewer System Operating Fund.

Ongoing Operations and Maintenance (O&M), estimated at \$1,500 per year, will be budgeted by the Bureau of Environmental Services, through the Johnson Creek Willing Seller Program, beginning in FY 2020-2021.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The City of Portland has conducted the following public involvement activities regarding nuisance flooding in the Johnson Creek Watershed:

- Annual newsletter to floodplain property owners, including the owners of the properties identified for potential acquisition. The newsletter includes information about flood safety, floodplain development regulations, BES' efforts to address flood impacts and BES' Johnson Creek Willing Seller Acquisition

Program.

- Lents Community Meeting – February 4, 2016. Informed residents about efforts in the Lents area to further reduce flooding, in partnership with the State of Oregon and community partners.
- Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood Association briefing – May 9, 2016. Informed residents about efforts in the neighborhood to further reduce flooding, in partnership with the State of Oregon and community partners
- Life in the Floodplain Community Resource Fair – October 8, 2016. Provided a range of resources from government agencies and nonprofit organizations to help offset household costs and increase household safety for people living in the floodplain.

All of the owners of property that are candidates for the HMGP are willing sellers who signed FEMA Statements of Voluntary Participation for Acquisition of Property for Purpose of Open Space.

A public notice with a 15-day comment may be required and FEMA will advise the City regarding this requirement.

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