

**IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

The City of Portland, Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) funds the East Portland Neighborhood Office (EPNO), a city-administered office, to support community building and civic engagement efforts in East Portland. The Community Activities Fund is an innovative mechanism for doing this. Additionally, it is one of several strategies EPNO employs to meet the goal of increasing support to communities underserved by the City and to meet Citywide racial equity goals.

The Community Activities Fund provides easy access to funds for small community groups doing community building and civic engagement activities. In addition to providing seed money (\$20-\$500 per ask) for amazing community projects, this funding: (a) allows EPNO to build ongoing relationships with new-to-us community groups and efforts; (b) builds confidence and skills for groups who've never tried applying for a grant before; and (c) serves as a catalyst to further the equity and inclusion of EPNO programming. In the 2016/17 fiscal year, approximately 80-85% of funded projects were led by and/or engaged communities under-engaged/underserved by the City.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

There are no additional financial, budgetary, or staffing impacts. Funding was adopted by City Council as part of the FY 2017-18 ONI budget and is funded with a total of \$10,500 through City General Fund dollars.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

As stated above, the Community Activities Fund is one of several strategies EPNO employs to meet the goal of increasing support to communities underserved by the City and to meet Citywide racial equity goals.

The EPNO advisory committee – a diverse community-based body providing high level advice on program development – launched the Community Activities Fund to more equitably distribute EPNO's funding resources to East Portland communities.

Funding decisions for the Community Activities Fund are made by a community-based review team. In addition the team helps EPNO staff develop and improve the Community Activities Fund and in this role gain hands-on experience in various aspects of the grant making process.

**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 |
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