

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: * Authorize a grant agreement with Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization – Africa House in an amount not to exceed \$17,500, to support the Africa House United Against Hate project. (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

IRCO Africa House, under the administrative umbrella of IRCO, creates culturally and linguistically specific programs and services honoring the diversity of all African groups. Today, IRCO Africa House serves more than 5,000 community members from 22 ethnic and cultural backgrounds each year.

IRCO's Africa House works closely with the Coalition of Communities of color and other community partners on the initial Portland United Against Hate pilot project to design a surveying tool to track and respond to hate incidents as they occur.

IRCO Africa House has received numerous reports of hate incidents. The changing sociopolitical climate and the recent public statements and actions by national leadership has unleashed virulent elements of hate throughout Oregon for the communities they serve.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

Funding for this grant is available in the FY2017-18 budget in the General Fund Special Appropriations. There is no new financial impact.

Community impacts and community involvement:

At the recent "Know your Rights" trainings, Africans and Muslim community members engaged through Community healing forums, as well as ongoing bystander response training for Africa House and volunteers to address hate.

The project activities will increase community capacity, and IRCO Africa House will intentionally work with partners to develop potential to sustain key project elements - for example linkages to community development programming.

100% Renewable Goal:

Not applicable

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