

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: * Authorize a grant agreement with African Youth and Community Organization not to exceed \$30,000., to support the Standing Together United Against Hate program by strengthening communities and intercultural relationship against hate. (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

AYCO serves immigrant and refugees in the Portland Metro area and opens its doors to anyone seeking community based support. The organization promotes community connections, trust and the capacity to bridge understanding between mainstream communities and African immigrants. Their clients experience interactions that instill fear for their safety.

AYCO is committed to promoting equity through all their programs, including strategies for impacting cultural awareness in mainstream services that interface with immigrants. As the current political climate reinforces intolerance toward immigrants, particularly Muslim immigrants, AYCO has felt an increasing urgency to promote a sense of safety and belonging while also standing strong in their efforts to bridge cultural divisions.

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:

AYCO promotes community connections, trust and the capacity to bridge understanding between mainstream communities and African Immigrants. This project will offer client centered support that reflects the language and culture of the clients AYCO serves. The project will increase city wide collaboration against hate by offering 2 workshops focused on a community based approach to understand the impact of trauma and violence. The project will strengthen a sense of community and integration.

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