

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** \*Authorize a grant agreement with East Portland Neighbors, Inc. in the amount of \$12,000 for the production of the East Portland Neighborhood Newsletter (Ordinance)

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

The City of Portland is committed to promoting effective communication to keep the community informed about issues and opportunities for involvement by facilitating communication. To this end, the City of Portland, Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) funds the East Portland Neighborhood Office (EPNO), a city-administered neighborhood office, to support outreach and information sharing between EPNO community partners which includes identity-based community groups, neighborhood associations, and the community at large in East Portland. EPNO has chosen to partner with a community-based organization to produce a district-wide newsletter.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

Funding was adopted by the City Council as part of the FY 2017-18 ONI budget and is funded with a total of \$12,000 through City General Fund dollars. City Council adopted Community Connect, a Five-Year Plan for Increasing Community Involvement on February 17, 2008. Under recommendation three, the plan called for promoting effective communication to keep the community informed about issues and opportunities for involvement by facilitating communication through print newsletters and other means.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

City Council adopted Community Connect, a Five-Year Plan for Increasing Community Involvement on February 17, 2008. Under recommendation four, the plan called for supporting community gatherings, fairs, and festivals to promote face-to-face relationship-building. This funding removes a barrier for gatherings which require liability insurance coverage.

The East Portland Neighbors has the fiscal capacity to administer this community resource. It is the only organization whose membership includes all thirteen neighborhood associations in East Portland as well as a diversity of other culturally-specific, interest-based community groups. EPN has the connections with local organizations which makes them uniquely suited to provide this service to the community.

EPNO and EPN have mutually agreed to a set of policies to govern the publication of the district-wide newsletter. Most of the content of the newsletter is written by community volunteers. A committee of community volunteers review the content and guides the production and publication of the newsletter.

**100% Renewable Goal:**

NA

**Budgetary Impact Worksheet****Does this action change appropriations?** **YES:** Please complete the information below. **NO:** Skip this section

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