

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** \*Authorize a grant agreement with As the Spirit Moves Us in an amount not to exceed \$17,085 to support the Interrupting Hate in Public Spaces project through train the trainers' workshops. (Ordinance)

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

As the Spirit Moves Us is a spiritually driven social justice seeking organization founded in 2016 committed to showing up for racial and economic justice and working to end Islamophobia, Anti-Semitism, xenophobia and white nationalism.

Oregonians report more hate and bias crime per capita in the USA since the November 2016 election. Portland is no exception. An increase in the number and public audacity of white nationalist groups in this area creates a real and present danger. The murders on the Max are the most extreme example, but Nazi graffiti has skyrocketed, verbal abuse is on the rise and LGBTQ people, those with disabilities, Muslims, those appearing to be Mexican, Black people and Jews are particularly vulnerable.

Interrupting Hate in Public Spaces training helps participants understand the history and dynamics of hate in Oregon, their personal resistance to intervening, the risks involved in becoming an active bystander and the resources and strengths each individual brings to be successful.

Portland is also filled with well-meaning people who want to help and don't know how. There is a need and demand for Interrupting Hate in Public Spaces training.

### **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:**

Any member of the community wishing to learn the safest, non-violent way to support targets of hate will benefit from the Interrupting Hate in Public Spaces training. Everyone who is a member of a targeted population will benefit by having skilled allies/accomplices throughout the city ready to support them if someone starts verbally attacking them and if they attend a workshop they will have enhanced skills to support themselves.

The city will benefit because these interventions will help create an overall atmosphere that is safer and kinder.

**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