

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Authorize a grant agreement with the Lutheran Community Services Northwest in an amount not to exceed \$35,000, to support the Culturally and Community Specific Hate Crime Victim Advocacy Services. (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW) has a successful history of delivering culturally specific services, sponsoring and resettling over 40,000 refugees in the last 40 years. Since January 2016, 12% of the crime types that the LCSNW worked on have been hate or discrimination cases.

By increasing the staff working as advocates and expanding the advocacy work, LCSNW will have a greater impact on reaching immigrant and refugee communities and training these communities and victims on hate crimes.

Newly arriving refugees and immigrants are especially impacted by recent hate crimes. LCSNW Hate Crime Advocacy Program will offer crisis intervention services, victim advocacy, information and referral services, and system coordination and outreach/education.

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:

LCSNW's Hate Crime Advocacy (HCA) program will educate and inform newcomer immigrants and refugees on hate crimes, including what that means, how to report, and about advocacy services that are available in the area. Muslims are particularly vulnerable and the HCA will hire a bilingual/bicultural staff who is part of this community and familiar with the needs and vulnerabilities they face.

LCSNW programs build capacity in underrepresented communities and their staffing is representative of the community they serve.

100% Renewable Goal:

Not applicable

Budgetary Impact Worksheet**Does this action change appropriations?**

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Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount