

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Authorize a grant agreement with Fair Housing Council of Oregon in an amount not to exceed \$34,480 to support the Hate has No Place in Housing project. (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The Fair Housing Council of Oregon (FHCO) is a private, non-profit civil rights organization whose mission is to end housing discrimination and ensure equal housing opportunity statewide. Founded in 1991, FHCO provides access to education and outreach; enforcement; and public policy advocacy throughout the state of Oregon.

The political environment of the past year increasingly has created an environment where hate – whether expressed through speech, vandalism, or other physical acts – continues to find its way into housing discrimination.

According to recent FBI Hate Crime statistics, the number one location where hate crimes occurred was in or near a home.

According to recent reports from the Southern Poverty Law Center, Oregon led the nation in hate incidents, per capita, with half reported in Portland.

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:

FHCO's education and outreach team would conduct focused research, development, and delivery of training material directly related to hate incidents in housing and would increase direct outreach to communities most impacted by housing-related hate activity.

FHCO's direct outreach to community members and organizations would focus on ensuring victims of housing-related hate incidents and discrimination are aware of FHCO's hotline as the appropriate point of contact. As part of the training program, FHCO would develop community-specific and culturally and linguistically appropriate outreach materials to increase awareness of the rights of individuals regarding hate, harassment, and discrimination in housing.

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