ORDINANCE No. 188823

* Authorize a grant agreement with OPAL Environmental Justice in an amount not to exceed \$17,500 to support the Bus Riders Unite Against Hate Project: Trained Experts in De-escalation on Portland's Transit System (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

- 1. OPAL is a non-profit organization that builds power for Environmental Justice and Civil Rights in their communities.
- 2. Recent white supremacist violence in our community, and particularly on our transit system, compels OPAL to seek solutions that center the power of community, uplift the leadership of communities of color, and that protect those in our society who are most vulnerable to discrimination transit.
- 3. OPAL's community forums and outreach have made it clear that their communities want positive alternatives to the police for people, particularly people of color, experiencing hate incidents on transit, and that without an organized community response to hate, marginalized people in Portland will continue to face increased threats.
- 4. OPAL intends to hire Trained Experts in De-Escalation (TEDs) who will build a team of community members who can help keep our buses safe, build a transit community, and counter the narrative that in order for the transit system to be safe, we must place more police officers on buses and trains.
- 5. Our community envisions a publicly funded program to make transportation system more accessible, safer, and of greater value to the people who need it most.
- 6. The FY2017-18 budget includes funding in the General Fund Special Appropriations for the above grant. The City now desires to make a grant to OPAL Environmental Justice in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.

NOW THEREFORE, The Council directs:

- a. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the OPAL Environmental Justice, as outlined in a form substantially in accordance with the agreement attached as Exhibit A, at a cost not to exceed \$17,500.
- b. The Mayor and Auditor are hereby authorized to draw and deliver payment chargeable to the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget.

188823

Section 2. The Council declares that an emergency exists because a delay in funding will affect OPAL's ability to accomplish the Bus Riders Unite Against Hate: Trained Experts in De-Escalation on Portland's Transit System project; therefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by Council.

Passed by the Council: FEB 2 1 2018

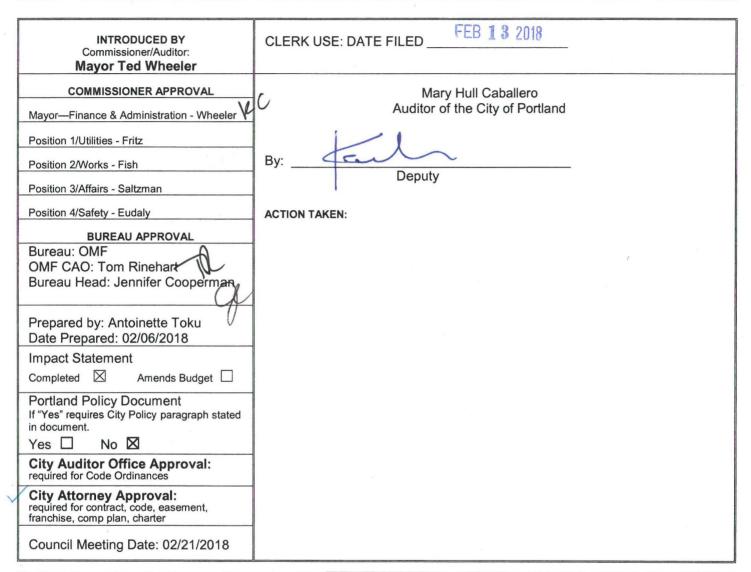
Commissioner Ted Wheeler Prepared by: Linda Rains Date Prepared: January 9, 2018

Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland By Deputy

163 ...

Agenda No. ORDINANCE NO. 188823

*Authorize a grant agreement with OPAL Environmental Justice in an amount not to exceed \$17,500, to support the Bus Riders Unite Against Hate Project: Trained Experts in De-escalation (TEDs) on Portland's Transit System. (Ordinance)



AGENDA	FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
TIME CERTAIN Image: Certain Control of Control			YEAS	NAYS
Total amount of time needed: (for presentation, testimony and discussion)	1. Fritz	1. Fritz		
	2. Fish	2. Fish		
CONSENT	3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman		
	4. Eudaly	4. Eudaly		
Total amount of time needed: (for presentation, testimony and discussion)	Wheeler	Wheeler		

140