

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** \* Authorize an Agreement between Portland Parks & Recreation and Portland Rose Society for the Portland Rose Society to fund, project manage, design, permit, and construct the Washington Park International Rose Test Garden Gold Medal Award Garden Pathway Improvements. (Ordinance)

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

The proposed ordinance will allow the City of Portland, Parks & Recreation (PP&R) to enter into an Agreement between Portland Parks & Recreation and Portland Rose Society (PRS) for PRS to fund, project manage, design, permit, and construct the Washington Park International Test Rose Garden Gold Medal Award Garden (GMAG) Pathway Improvements.

Portland Rose Society (PRS) is a domestic Oregon non-profit corporation founded in 1889 as the first Rose society in the United States. PRS has been a financial and physical supporting organization of the Washington Park International Test Rose Garden for decades.

PRS has been instrumental in many aspects of the GMAG. In 1962, they financed and donated design and planting of the GMAG. In 1992, they financed and had the construction of the Pavilion which is the only covered place to view the garden in rainy weather. In 2009, they further enhanced the stability of the GMAG with the retaining brick seat wall. Further developments included the finishing of the feature fountain that was completed in 2013.

PRS has received a generous donation of \$92,000 to use, at their discretion, toward improving the GMAG, including paving some pathways that are currently lawn and dirt to improve the accessibility and experience for the garden's visitors. The intent is to preserve the garden's layout and design framework, and add ADA companion seating space by the existing free-standing garden bench. If funding allows, PRS may also add handrails at the pavilion steps, correct the non-conforming concrete ramp south of the pavilion, correct two locations of non-conforming surface level changes, renovate brick rose bed edging beyond what is required to accommodate the new paths, and refurbish or replace the pavilion seat wall.

The proposed improvements will improve the asset, complimenting the recent Washington Park International Test Garden accessibility project completed in 2017.

### **Financial and budgetary impacts:**

Up to \$92,000 of PRS funds will be used to fund the design and construction of the GMAG Pathway Improvements project, including reimbursement of PP&R for Irrigation Services design services for a new irrigation system.

PP&R staff will perform minor aspects of the project to be covered by PP&R operating budgets, such as refurbishing and reinstalling the free-standing garden bench, rose and shrub pruning, removals and relocations as necessary to accommodate PRS's contractor's work, and lawn repair and reseeded after project completion.

PP&R project management staff time for oversight of the Agreement and compliance with its requirements will be funded through Project Overhead.

Annual Operation & Maintenance (O&M) costs for GMAG after the project's completion will not increase.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

The project will increase the community's access and use of the GMAG. Rose Garden visitors will be inconvenienced during the short period of time the construction will require, and the GMAG will be closed. No public involvement will be necessary, as it's a repair project.

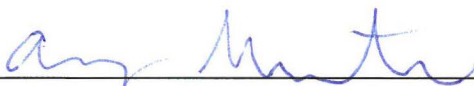
**Budgetary Impact Worksheet**

**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

  
Finance Manager PP&R (Amy Archer-Masters)

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Date