

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Accept report of 2018 Disability Power PDX

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The Disability Program facilitated Disability Power PDX from February 2018 through April 2018. Following a competitive application process, Disability Power PDX brought together a cohort of 16 individuals for five Saturdays to learn about a variety of topics essential to disability culture and effective civic engagement, and it gave them the tools to meet with community and government organizations to begin building relationships.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

N/A

Community impacts and community involvement:

Our 2018 cohort was cross-disability, cross-cultural, multi-racial, religiously diverse and multi-generational. Specific measures were taken to create an equitable opportunity to participate, including providing transportation and childcare, offering participant stipends and food, and making disability and cultural accommodations.

Disability Power PDX's structure and content was informed by feedback from our 2017 Disability Leadership Academy cohort and observations from Disability Program Staff. Staff also facilitated three advisory committee meetings in August and September 2017 gather additional input on both the structure and application process for our 2018 opportunity.

Approximately half of each five-hour session was devoted to learning about a relevant topic. Topics were chosen based on 2017 cohort feedback and were presented by community members with a variety of disabilities. Topics included: Community Resources, Disability Identity & Disability Movements, Disability & Racial Equity and Justice, and Navigating and Engaging with Government.

Half of each session was focused on preparing for and debriefing Community Engagement Meetings. Cohort members selected a community or government entity to begin building relationships with. In pairs, they met with the community organization outside of session time.

The attached report includes extensive feedback from DP2 participants about their experience and suggested changes. Overall, they found the experience overwhelmingly positive and especially valuable in understanding the diversity of disability experiences as well as creating new connections and opportunities for collaboration.

100% Renewable Goal:

N/A

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

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