

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: * Amend an Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland State University in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 under the FY 2014 Smart Policing Initiative grant program to provide research and services to the Police Bureau for the study of the Neighborhood Involvement Locations program (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30004383)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The purpose of this legislation is to amend the existing Intergovernmental Agreement (Contract) in the amount of \$50,000 for research and services provided by Portland State University (PSU) under the FY14 Smart Policing Initiative (SPI) grant program.

The Police Bureau Strategic Services Division (PPB) Smart Policing Initiative (SPI) site, in conjunction with their academic partners at PSU, conducted four separate large scale community outreach endeavors; as well as initial large scale community and police officer surveys and police officer focus groups. Each of these endeavors resulted in an increased understanding in potential strengths and weakness of differing community engagement strategies. It is the intent of PPB and PSU to establish a Community Engagement Survey Toolkit for both internal and external use. PPB has seen what the value of these micro-level community focused interventions can have on understanding community needs and expectations.

The Community Engagement Survey Toolkit, in collaboration with subject matter experts from the grant's appointed training and technical advisor CNA, will include an integrated Problem Oriented Policing (POP) community survey guide. The tool kit will take a Scanning Analysis Response Assessment (SARA) model approach to integrating community feedback into potential interventions. The toolkit will provide example surveys, reports, limitations, and tutorials demonstrating multiple surveying techniques, question design, and analysis.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

There are no costs associated with this legislation. The Office of Justice Programs reimburses the City for approved grant expenses.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The Portland Police Bureau learned through the Neighborhood Involvement Location (NI-LOC) evaluation that more positive encounters incurred in the treatment condition than in the control condition, it didn't impact community's perception of police legitimacy. We also learned from surveying officers that they perceived that the community was not aware of what they were doing potentially questioning why they were in a location and what actions they were or were not participating in. This, coupled with the desire to provide a clearer direction for officers and develop better communication with impacted communities, led us to develop community focused surveys.

We subsequently conducted five specific community focused surveys to better understand the current public safety needs and issues of each specific community. These surveys highlighted emerging issues that sometimes would not correspond to traditionally reported crime as well as what actions the community might support to address these underreported and/or unreported issues. The process of surveying micro-communities has been developed through community feedback at differing stages of survey implementation, design, and deployment with integration of best practices in conjunction with PSU. The latest survey developed and deployed integrated principles of walking beats with a dynamic interactive scanning analysis community survey. These techniques have facilitated officers taking a more dynamic role in the planning, data collection, and implementation of directed community focus crime reduction strategies.

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

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