

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: * Authorize \$130,000 total in grant funds for the Constructing Civic Dialogues Grant Program in the Office of Community & Civic Life (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The Constructing Civic Dialogue grants are an expansion and complement to the existing neighborhood mediation grant.

- These five grants increase the number and type of service or training available to City of Portland networks to address conflicts, foster generative public dialogue, and expand understand of differing perspectives.
- This grant program meets the goals of the Office of Community & Civic Life by:
 - Building inclusive structures by expanding grantees to include a broader spectrum of approaches to constructive conflict, understanding different perspectives, and skill building;
 - Contributing to adaptive governance through the coordination of this program as a cohort of grant partners that come together to collaborate and reach shared goals;
 - Supporting fulfilled and empowered Portlanders by providing free facilitation, services, and skill building to an increased number and diversity of people in the City's networks.
- This grant program has been funded annually since the 2008-09 budget (Contract C38117). This money comes from the Civic Life general fund allocation for mediation services.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

- There is no financial impact as a result of this council action. These grants are being apportioned through the already authorized dollars in the citywide mediation program.
- This does not change staffing levels at this time.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The Constructing Civic Dialogues Grant Program emerged from public input from often marginalized communities that indicated they were not proportionally accessing or benefiting from the neighborhood mediation funding and have a need for similar services.

- Civic Life staff convened a strategy and feedback session with diverse community partners and potential partners to help define and scope the grant program before the call for applications was issued; 40 groups were invited, 19 groups attended.
- Civic Life staff used the information from this session to finalize the grant details and

create the call for grant applications.

- Civic Life staff hosted two orientation sessions for potential grant applicants in wheelchair accessible locations with the offer of accommodations, one downtown and the other in East Portland.
- Constructing Civic Dialogue proposed grantees will be testifying, likely including:
 - Peter Dakota Spencer-McElhatton, Anti-Oppression Resource and Training Alliance Cooperative, INC
 - Kathy Coleman, Disability Art and Culture Project
 - Rachel Bernstein, Oregon Council for the Humanities
 - Brandon Lee, Training 4 Transformation, LLC.
 - Laura Lo Forti, The Vanport Mosaic

100% Renewable Goal:

N/A

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

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☒ **NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount