

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Accept report from Portland United Against Hate Coalition on outcomes of 2017/18 Special Appropriations Grants (Report).

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

This year the 62-member Portland United Against Hate [PUAH] Coalition focused on managing the impacts of hate in our communities and building systems for information and response to hate incidents. Thirteen grantees in the FY 2017-18 Portland United Against Hate Special Appropriations trained people to feel resourced in times of fear, developed useful tools for those most facing threats, and honored those who were the casualties of hate in our streets. From memorializing the 30th anniversary of the murder of Ethiopian immigrant Mulugeta Seraw to supporting pathways towards justice for a mother whose son was attacked by Patriot Prayer, PUAH is about resiliency, critical connections that help people survive, and the need for long-term culture shifting work to address hate violence in Portland.

As Elinor Langer, author of *A Hundred Little Hitlers* says, “the [Mulugeta] Seraw killing wasn’t an incident isolated to the tree-lined block of Southeast 31st Avenue. It was the byproduct of a movement stewing just beneath the surface of American culture for decades.” (Willamette Week, 10/31/2018) This holds as much truth today as it did 30 years ago. PUAH exists at this intersection—responding to incidents and working on fixing broken systems.

Some notable successes from the 2017-18 Portland United Against Hate Special Appropriations Grants include:

- ReportHatePdx.com - development and launch of online hate incident reporting system;
- Held 102 trainings for 1,953 people to respond, interrupt, track, understand, and promote solutions to hate violence;
- Released community resources like the Interrupting Hate Action Cards, a video on youth and hate, and a rapid response tool kit;
- Provided outreach and engagement to 6,526 people in 11 languages;
- Collective creation of a strategic plan.

Our approach is needed. A 2017 study on extremism in social networks showed us that fear plays as much of a role as bigotry in hate violence (Adam Klein, Pace University). This is why community building and organizing is critical to decreasing hate violence. PUAH’s work to bridge communities, culture shift, educate, and make connections between diverse peoples are some of the day-to-day activities that we believe have a positive impact on the climate of hate and fear.

Exhibit A offers a written report on the grant outcomes, including a summary of grant partners, a report by the Coalition of Communities of Color on the hate tracking tool project, a collection of narrative summaries from the grantees, and an overview of the work of the Coalition that supported the outcomes of the grants and lays out the strategic directions for PUAH.

PUAH will build on the successes of these 2017-18 Special Appropriation Grants with the Fall FY18-19 BMP funding.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

N/A

Community impacts and community involvement:

The projects detailed in this report are drawn from community-led grant programs that primarily serve people of color, immigrants, refugees, renters, queer community members and other marginalized communities.

The PUAH Coalition helped to generate every aspect of this program, including, the grant goals, the grant application, the selection panel, the execution of the projects, and the cohort of grantees that met monthly to advance the work.

The community impact of this project is significant in that it provides direct resources to marginalized communities, builds the capacity of individuals to address and be resilient in the face of hate, and built a community-controlled tool to collect data for informed policy and decision making in the future.

Numerically, this includes providing education, outreach, and training in 11 languages and receiving 138 reports of hate incidents from community members targeted by hate violence.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

N/A

100% Renewable Goal:

N/A

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

No place for hate.

A hate incident occurs when a behavior based in bias creates a hostile environment or threatens someone based on their perceived identity. This is how we fight hate:

Document & Understand Hate Incidents



Respond Quickly and Collectively to Hate



Advocate for Equitable and Just Systems



Build Skills for Community Safety



A safe, liveable, inclusive Portland

Join the coalition.

You can sign on to the coalition, provide financial support, host a training session or event, and advocate with Portland United Against Hate.

You can report incidents and encourage others to report acts of hate at ReportHatePDX.com.

You can be part of creating a community where we all belong.



PortlandUnitedAgainstHate.org

Facebook: [PortlandUnitedAgainstHate](https://www.facebook.com/PortlandUnitedAgainstHate)

Instagram: [@portlandunitedagainsthate](https://www.instagram.com/portlandunitedagainsthate)



**PORTLAND UNITED
AGAINST HATE**

Hate has no place here.

Portland United Against Hate is a coalition of more than 60 community organizations, neighborhood groups, and the City of Portland working together for a safe, healthy, and loving community.

United in love.

Portland United Against Hate was founded in 2016 as a response to an increase in incidents of hate crimes and intimidation in our community. Our coalition shares resources and relationships to create an inclusive city that protects, embraces, and celebrates its diverse communities. Together, in 2017 and 2018 we:

12

COMMUNITIES

We built and implemented a public online incident tracking tool with essential support from a dozen community organizations representing those most targeted by hate.

108

TRAINING SESSIONS

We organized and facilitated more than 100 training sessions for over 1,400 people covering reporting, responding to, and intervening in hate activity.

3,300

COMMUNITY MEMBERS

We provided education on sharing hate experiences, accessing resources and tools, and getting support for more than 3,300 people in 10 languages.

295

YOUTH

We helped nearly 300 youth understand the roots of hate, learn responses to incidents, and develop skills for intervening in hate activities in their communities.

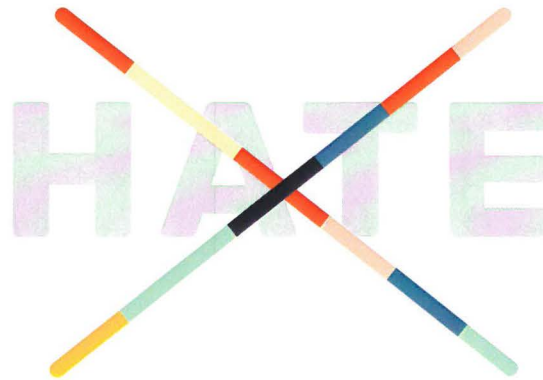
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PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

We supported 122 people and families in tracking, preparing for, and responding to hate incidents.

Our experiences matter.

The communities most likely to be targets of hate violence are also those least likely to report their experiences to law enforcement.



Underreporting of hate crimes can create the impression that it's not a problem. By reporting and tracking hate incidents, we can:

- **Raise awareness of hate incidents in Portland.**
- **Direct resources to people affected by hate.**
- **Advocate for legislation tackling hate violence.**
- **Advocate for policies, programs, and legislation in systems and institutions to change practices and address hate violence.**

HATE INCIDENTS HARM OUR COMMUNITY

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What is hate violence?

Hate violence is any incident that harms or threatens harm based on a perceived identity. For example:

Using slurs based on someone's perceived race, gender, sexuality, religion, ethnicity, or housing status.

Inappropriately touching someone's religious clothing.

Demeaning comments in school, the workplace, or on public transit.

Bullying and micro-aggressions.



We work to shift towards a culture of love and respect.