

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Authorize the City of Portland to apply to join the SAFE Cities Network to provide technical support to legal service providers (Resolution)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

In 2017, the Vera Institute of Justice launched the SAFE Cities Network to organize and support jurisdictions who were dedicating public funds towards immigrant removal defense funding. Specifically, the SAFE Cities Network provides technical assistance to local jurisdictions and legal service providers to improve service delivery and expand the number of universal defense programs throughout the country.

In FY 2018-19 the Portland City Council voted unanimously to provide \$500k in funding to launch the Equity Corps of Oregon, the first universal representation program in the state. As a result, the City of Portland is now eligible to join the SAFE Cities Network, which would provide access to additional technical support as well as an opportunity to receive up to \$100k in matching funds.

This resolution authorizes the submission of the City's application to join the SAFE Cities Network.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

N/A

Community impacts and community involvement:

This resolution represents the "next step" in a multi-year advocacy process. The community involvement that preceded this resolution was related to the passage of Resolution No. 37277, which declared Portland a Welcoming City, a Sanctuary City, and an Inclusive City in March 2017. Following the resolution, a broad cross-section of community members participated in the Welcoming, Inclusive, Sanctuary City Taskforce. Additional community groups and individual Portlanders were involved in the advocacy effort to secure funding for universal representation, including the Oregon Ready Coalition and the East Portland Action Plan.

The opportunity to join the SAFE Cities network was brought to the City's attention by Oregon Ready, the coalition of legal and community advocates who created the universal representation program the City has funded. The SAFE Cities network would allow this coalition access to technical support and the potential to receive matching funds, which would leverage the City's initial investment of \$500k.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

N/A

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