

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Authorize the Director of Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to execute a \$10,000 grant agreement with PolicyLink, a nonprofit organization (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

In 2015, the City Council adopted a new 2035 Comprehensive Plan with new social equity and anti-displacement policies championed by Anti-Displacement PDX, a coalition of community based organizations working on housing and community development issues with Portland's low-income residents and communities of color. In 2015, the Portland City Council awarded Anti-Displacement PDX the Spirit of Portland Award in recognition of their advocacy work on the Comprehensive Plan.

In 2018 PolicyLink launched the All-In Cities Anti-Displacement Policy Network in response to the growing crisis in U.S. cities of low-income households and communities of color being displaced out their neighborhoods and cities. Due in part to the accomplishments described above, PolicyLink invited the City of Portland and members of the Anti-Displacement PDX coalition to form a team and become a member city of the All-In Cities Anti-Displacement Policy Network in 2018. The Portland team is composed of local leaders, including staff from the offices of Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Eudaly, city staff from the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, Portland Housing Bureau, and Prosper Portland, and community leaders from the Community Alliance of Tenants and Portland State University.

As a part of PolicyLink's work to strengthen the All-In Cities Anti-Displacement Policy Network they serve as a clearinghouse for members to share best practices and create peer-learning opportunities. This work can include visiting member cities to better understand the existing local racial disparities, government's role in maintaining and exacerbating those disparities, and capture the lessons learned and examples of new approaches being taken to preventing displacement. The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability is providing a grant to PolicyLink for a site visit as part of their work with the Portland ADPN team. It is expected this visit will produce materials that will be of value to PolicyLink and all the cities in the network.

The grant funded work will support City Council adopted policies in the 2035 Comprehensive Plan.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The ordinance will result in a new grant agreement between the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability and PolicyLink. The funding source is the existing 2018-2019 BPS Comprehensive and Strategic Planning Team budget (Cost Object PNCP000001).

Community impacts and community involvement:

The ordinance will provide funding to support PolicyLink in advancing new ideas while building the capacity of communities directly impacted by displacement in defining challenges and implementing solutions. Those communities most vulnerable to displacement are often low-income, renters, and people of color. Those communities are established throughout the city of Portland but the risk of displacement is higher in those neighborhoods experiencing rapid increases in the cost of living and larger populations of vulnerable households.

The grant funded work is intended to support PolicyLink and the entire All-In Cities Anti-Displacement Policy Network, including Portland. The site visit will help Portland implement its equity related and anti-displacement policies which will benefit all Portlanders. Better implementation of these policies will result in increased prosperity, better health outcomes, increased stability and economic opportunity for households of color, reduced racial disparities, and an equitable distribution of the benefits and burdens of growth citywide.

100% Renewable Goal:

Not applicable

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