

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Authorize a competitive solicitation and contract with the highest scoring proposers and provide for payment for campsite cleanup services for an estimated \$5 million annually, over a five-year period (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The purpose of this legislation is to authorize a competitive solicitation and contract with the highest scoring proposers and provide for payment for Campsite Cleanup services.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The estimated cost of this contract (\$5,000,000) will be funded over the five-year period with annual appropriation in the OMF-HUCIRP budget and an intergovernmental agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) for campsite cleanup and personal property storage on ODOT properties within the City of Portland (IGA No. 33263).

Community impacts and community involvement:

There are considerable positive impacts on the community by allowing the City to reduce the impacts of unsanctioned camping via consistent and humane management of public spaces inside the City of Portland.

In FY 17-18, the City's Homelessness and Urban Camping Impact Reduction Program cleaned 3,122 campsites on City properties; removing 8,400 gallons of human waste, 1,300 tons of garbage, and in partnership with Clean Start, removed 28,909 improperly discarded hypodermic syringes.

To effectively and humanely address the complex and competing needs of all community members, contracted crews must have training on the following: policies and procedures on posting and cleaning campsites in accordance with the Anderson Agreement, as well as the collection and storage of personal property. To best support community members living unsheltered, crews are also trained in the use of Naloxone, assertive engagement, de-escalation, and communication with individuals in crisis.

The City requires crews to perform the tasks necessary to remove structures, garbage and biohazards in the rights-of-way and coordinate with social service providers, emergency medical providers, law enforcement, and other community stakeholders to address the needs of persons living unsheltered at the camp sites. This may mean adjusting operations to ensure a person receives medical care at a site, to coordinate with social service providers to facilitate service access appointments, and to respond quickly to law

enforcement requests when conditions at a campsite pose a threat to health and human safety to the community.

The City of Portland coordinates weekly with social service providers, including reporting specific camp locations posted and scheduled for cleanup to social service providers up to a week before camps are cleaned. Campsite cleanup vendors are required to post in accordance with cleanup guidelines, and to communicate these postings to social service providers and Community stakeholders immediately. As individuals experiencing homelessness are forced to move from location to location, this communication and coordination is critical, as it can be challenging for social service providers who are attempting to connect them to important services to locate them when housing, medical, and mental health services become available.

The City has high expectations for the execution of this work. Crews are tasked with performing cleanup activities in accordance with complex legal guidelines, often in unfavorable weather conditions, and in a way that, to the greatest extent possible, resists further traumatization of those effected by these cleanups.

100% Renewable Goal:

Not applicable

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

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