

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: * Authorize grant agreement with the Do Good Multnomah for \$40,000 to fund affordable housing analysis that support the Building Healthy Connected Communities Along the Powell-Division Corridor Project (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

On May 25, 2016, Council approved a Metro Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) in the amount of \$539,000 (Ordinance No. 187753) to fund the City's work on the Building Healthy Connected Communities Along the Powell-Division Corridor Project.

BPS and PHB will work together in 2019 to conduct site analysis to support the long-term pipeline of affordable housing funding.

The grant funded work will support City Council adopted policies in the 2035 Comprehensive Plan; BPS is providing funds as part of Metro IGA (Building Healthy Connected Communities Along the Powell-Division Corridor).

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The ordinance will result in a new grant agreement between the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability and Do Good Multnomah. The funding source is part of the Metro grant Building Healthy Connected Communities Along the Powell-Division Corridor (Cost Object PN0060001).

Community impacts and community involvement:

The Building Healthy Connected Communities Along the Powell-Division Corridor Project builds upon the growth and equity framework of the Portland Plan, the anti-displacement and housing opportunity policies in the Comprehensive Plan, and the urban design and place-making concepts expressed in Powell-Division Transit and Development Project Portland Local Action Plan. Each of these four plans was developed with extensive community input from broad and diverse participants in the Powell-Division corridor.

As BPS plans for the arrival of bus rapid transit in the corridor we will continue to better understand the impacts a major transit investment may have on low-income households and communities of color. The transit investment and accompanying real estate development brings both burdens and benefits. Reducing the burdens of direct and economic displacement of vulnerable people is a major policy objective of implementing the housing strategy. Increasing the benefits of economic opportunity and mobility for them is another major policy objective.

Through community partners and publicly available data we do have some information on the demographics of the households in the corridor and the existence of affordable housing, small businesses, and non-profit organizations operating along the corridor.

- 4.3% of residents identify as Black or African-American, 9.8% identify as Asian, 74% identify as white, 10% identify as Latino or Hispanic, 1.6% as Native American or Native Hawaiian, and 4.5% as two or more races.
- Renters make up 55% of households. 52% of households live in multi-family housing.
- Some culturally specific organizations operating in the corridor include Asian Pacific Network of Oregon, Wisdom of Elders, and several places of worship. Nonprofit service providers include OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon, Easter Seals Oregon, Human Solutions, Faulkner Place and Volunteers of America.
- Jade District and Division-Midway Neighborhood Prosperity Initiatives (NPIs) are along the corridor.
- ROSE Community Development, Home Forward, and Human Solutions operate a small handful of multi-family and mixed use affordable housing buildings.
- Portland Community College SE Campus is located at Division and 82nd Avenue.
- Small commercial strips exist along both the Powell and Division corridors with relatively affordable commercial and office space compared to lease rates city-wide. A few small businesses provide culturally specific goods and services, but the majority are auto-oriented and/or national chains.

100% Renewable Goal:

Not applicable.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

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