

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Approve the Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission FY 2019-20 Fund Budget. (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

To approve the Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission's FY 2019-20 Fund Budget.

The City of Portland is a party to an intergovernmental agreement with Multnomah County and the cities of Gresham, Fairview, Troutdale, and Wood Village, dated December 24, 1992, as modified by subsequent amendments, creating the Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission ("MHCRC") for the purposes of:

- Advocating for and protecting the public interest in the regulation and development of cable communication systems;
- Monitoring and helping resolve cable subscribers' concerns; and,
- Facilitating the planning and implementation of community uses of cable communication technologies.

The MHCRC contracts for staff and other support services through a services agreement with the City of Portland. The MHCRC funds an equivalent of four full-time (4 FTE) staff positions in the City's Office for Community Technology, plus related materials, services, financial and administrative costs.

The Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") establishes the responsibilities and powers of the MHCRC, including the process for member jurisdictions' approval of the MHCRC's annual budget. Under the terms of the IGA:

- The MHCRC transmits its adopted fiscal year budget to the jurisdictions for approval; and,
- Each jurisdiction annually contributes funding to the operations of the MHCRC as determined during the annual budget process through a cost allocation methodology.

The MHCRC adopted its FY 2019-20 Fund Budget at its June 3, 2019, meeting. About half the MHCRC's operating budget is funded by the jurisdictions' allocations and half by other MHCRC resources. The FY 2019-20 Fund Budget includes an operations cost allocation for the City of Portland in the amount of \$314,826, which represents 65% of the total jurisdictional allocations to the budget.

Nearly all the MHCRC's resources are funds collected from the cable companies in the form of franchise fees for the East County Jurisdictions and the PEG/I-Net fees county-wide. The

expenditures are disbursements, governed by the IGA and restricted for certain purposes under the cable services franchise agreements, to:

- East County Jurisdictions (franchise fee balance);
- Community media providers (MetroEast Community Media for both operating and capital funds; and Open Signal for capital funds);
- I-Net grants for public agencies' network connectivity;
- Community Technology Grants to support nonprofits, libraries, and local governments community technology needs; and,
- TechSmart Initiative for Student Success grants to school districts throughout Multnomah County.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The City of Portland's cost allocation to the MHCRC FY 2019-20 budget, as outlined in this ordinance, is included in the City's adopted FY 2019-20 as a Special Appropriation. No additional resource is anticipated.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The MHCRC has a Finance Committee, which developed the draft FY 2019-20 budget and the full Commission adopted the budget at its June 3 meeting. Each member jurisdiction considers budget approval at a city council or County Commission meeting. Please see the MHCRC 2018-19 Annual Report for detail about Commission activities and County-wide impact.

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