

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** \* Authorize an agreement with Southeast Uplift Neighborhood Program Inc. to hire an independent contractor to manage the Portland United Against Hate program and coalition in an amount not to exceed \$36,538 (Ordinance)

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### Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

- Portland United Against Hate is a 70+member coalition of community organizations, neighborhood groups, and municipal bodies with a mission to track, respond to, and prevent acts of hate, while providing the support that communities need.
- PUAH serves as the primary collaborative vehicle for the City's leadership and bureaus to address the impacts of hate violence in communities and to receive input and policy direction on the subject. Since 2016 reported hate incidents have risen 200% according to the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism with the Southern Poverty Law Center naming Oregon as one the top 10 states for white nationalist organizing in 2017.
- The severity of the situation is underscored by an increase in attention on this issue from non-profit and municipal leaders over the past year. White nationalist experts at the Western State Center look to make Portland a model for combating alt-right groups, the Oregon Attorney General successfully updated state's ineffective hate crimes laws, and on Feb 8, 2019, City Council passed a resolution condemning white supremacy and committing to train all City staff on the history and current experience of white supremacy.
- Reflecting this commitment and need, PUAH was funded as part of the FY2019-20 General Fund Special Appropriations.
- Of the \$300,000 allocated, SE Uplift will act as fiscal sponsor for \$36,538 that will be used to provide administrative and fiscal support to the coalition through the hiring of an independent contractor.

### Financial and budgetary impacts:

Funding for this grant is available in the FY2019-20 budget in the General Fund Special Appropriations.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

- The communities directly impacted by the increase of hate incidents have been a part of the process from the beginning of building a system of triage and tracking that will better inform how to respond and better serve the very same communities.
- The PUAH leadership body is composed of 15 community-based organizations that primarily represent people most likely to be affected by hate violence - people of color, immigrant and refugee community members, queer and trans community members and religious minorities.
- The PUAH leadership body developed and voted to affirm the decision to transition management to SE Uplift from the Office of Community & Civic Life.

**100% Renewable Goal:**

N/A

**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