

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland State University to conduct *Disability Engagement & Equity Study* not to exceed \$75,000 (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The local data on people with disabilities is either nonexistent, outdated, or not disaggregated.

In recognition of this gap and the need for data-informed programs and services, the Disability Data Project was funded in FY 2017-18 in the amount of \$55,000 to collect data on Portland's diverse disability communities. Civic Life added \$20,000 through the FY 18-19 Spring BMP process to the agreement from Disability Program funds to support a more meaningful study.

This agreement will increase the data available to the City of Portland of Portland's disability communities in general. It will inform our understanding of the opportunities and barriers diverse disability communities have in participating in local government and accessing City programs and services. Because the data will be able to be disaggregated, it will also inform additional aspects of our City's equity work, leading with racial equity.

Civic Life will use this research, along with data from and in partnership with other City bureaus, to inform efforts to ensure community members with disabilities are receiving equitable services.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

This item has no budget impact. Funds were previously allocated.

Community impacts and community involvement:

Members of Portland's disability communities have long stated a need for local data on what barriers and opportunities people with disabilities experience in Portland. They have called on the City to honor our commitment to disability equity, including equitable engagement of underserved communities, with data-informed program design and offerings.

In response to concerns that data would be collected and analyzed without a deep understanding of disability experience, culture, and community, the City facilitated a collaboration between Portland State University and Real Choice Initiative as a subcontractor for this project. Real Choice Initiative is a community-based disability

advocacy organization with an intersectional justice lens. Their team demonstrates multi-faceted connections in diverse disability communities.

This Agreement and the research that follows will increase the data available to the City of Portland of Portland's disability communities. It will inform our understanding of the opportunities and barriers diverse disability communities have in participating in local government and accessing City programs and services. Because the data will be able to be disaggregated, it will also inform additional aspects of our City's equity work, leading with racial equity, and including culture & language, and income at a minimum.

Civic Life will use this research, along with data from and in partnership with other City bureaus, to inform efforts to ensure community members with disabilities are receiving equitable services. Long-term, this research will inform efforts to increase livability for people with disabilities in the city of Portland.

100% Renewable Goal:

Portland State University and their subcontractors demonstrated their commitment to the City's renewable energy goals during the procurement process, including in their use of electronic documents whenever possible, working in universally-designed and energy efficient buildings, and using recycled paper at their facilities.

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