

2019 Disability Equity & Engagement Study

Request to Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement



Disability Engagement & Equity Study

WHAT IS IT?

A data collection effort focused on Portland's disability communities in partnership with City bureaus and community partners

WHAT DOES IT DO?

- Understand access to civic engagement and other City services
- Identify how diverse disabled Portlanders engage
- Inform Civic Life program development
- Inform Citywide equity efforts

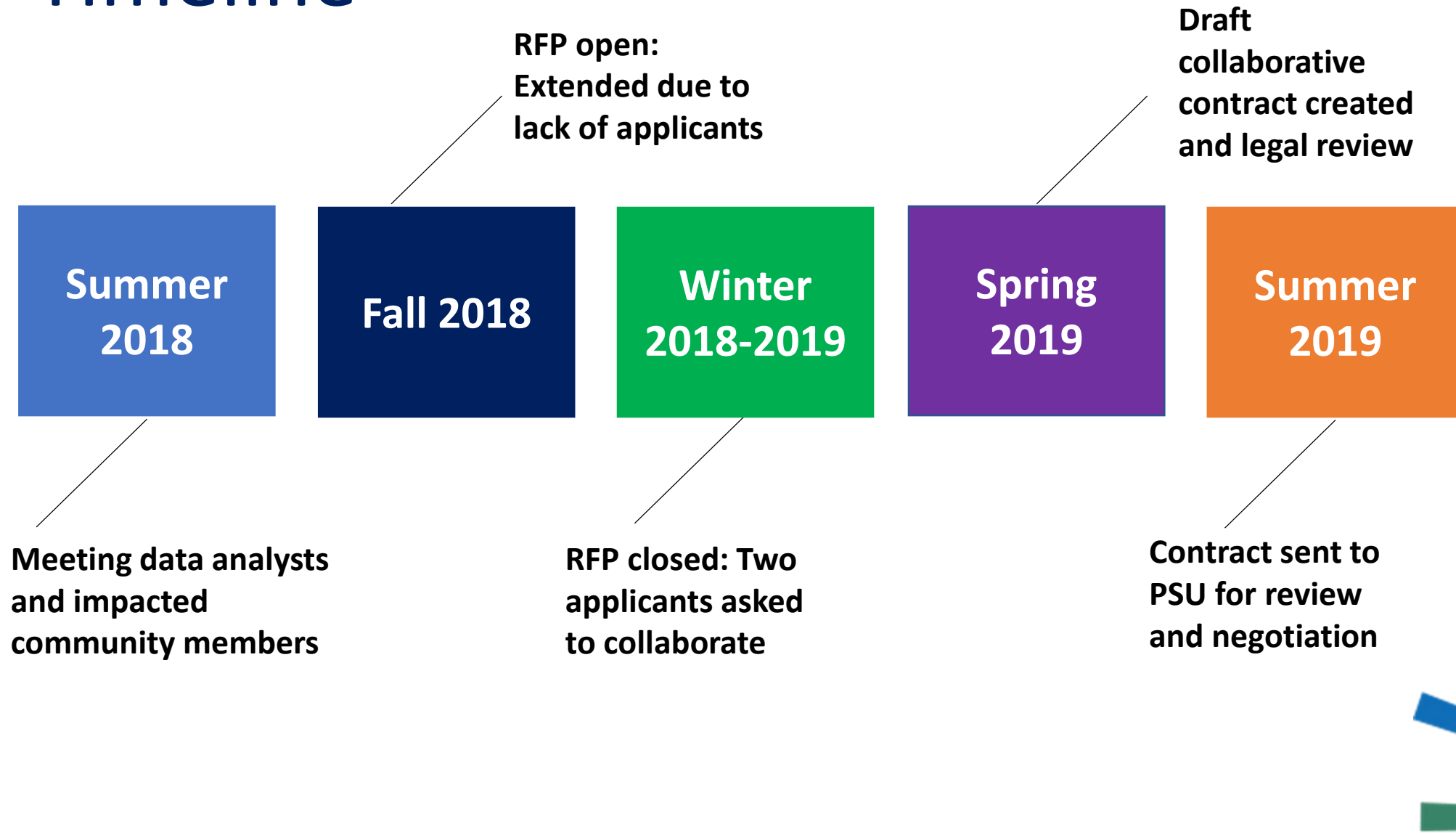


The Need

- Local data is nonexistent, outdated, or not disaggregated
- We need to better understand Portland's diverse disability communities
- An emphasis on indicators of equity and community & civic engagement is essential



Timeline



The Teams: Portland State University



Masami Nishishiba, PhD

Professor and Department Chair of Department of Public Administration
Hatfield School of Government, Portland State University

Roles

- Provide input in data collection and analysis
- Engage PSU students in the project

Key Expertise

- Research design
- Survey, interview and focus group methods
- Diversity, equity and inclusion
- Civic engagement



The Teams: Real Choice Initiative



Allen Hines

Founder and Director, Real Choice Initiative

Roles

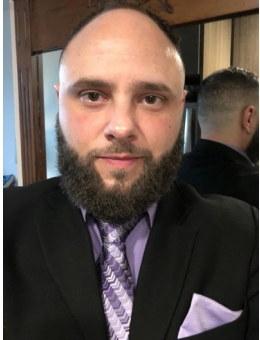
- Data Collection
- Project Management
- Ongoing community and City partner engagement

Key Expertise

- Disability Community Organizer
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion
- Journalist & Researcher



The Teams: Real Choice Initiative



Nico Serra

Northwest Health Foundation, Member, Disability Justice Leaders Collaborative Real Choice Initiative Treasurer, Board of Directors

Roles

- Study Design
- Material Development
- Data Collector Mentorship and Support

Key Expertise

- Educator
- Disability Justice Principles



The Teams: Real Choice Initiative



Leila Haile

Founder and Owner of Ori Gallery

Past Co-Director & Education Director for PFLAG Black Chapter

Roles

- Data Collection
- Facilitator
- Data Analysis and Presentation

Key Expertise

- Disability Justice Organizer and Educator
- Facilitator
- Community Data Analysis



Citywide Benefit and Partnerships

- City, County, & Community partners enthusiastic about study
- Office of Equity & Human Rights engaged and supportive from very beginning
- Clear desire to use this data across the City, including:
 - Portland Bureau of Transportation
 - Smart City PDX
 - Portland Housing Bureau
 - Portland Bureau of Emergency Management



Immediate Next Steps

- Teams will meet to design survey, interview, and town hall questions
- Engagement with Community and City partners on opportunities to contribute
- Engagement with Portlanders

Into the Future

- We will share a report and analysis May 2019
- This data will be available to City Staff and community partners to inform program and service design, contribute to equitable outcomes, and acknowledge our diversity disability communities in Portland



We are enthusiastic about the opportunities this study presents for Portland's diverse disability communities.

Our Request

- Please authorize the Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland State University so work can begin.



Thank you!

