

ORDINANCE NO. 189740

Authorize the Water Bureau to enter into an agreement with the Water Research Foundation to participate in the Water Environment Research Foundation Project in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. The Water Research Foundation (WRF) is a research organization advancing the science of all water to meet the evolving needs of its subscribers and the water sector. WRF is a nonprofit, educational organization that funds, manages, and publishes research on the technology, operation, and management of drinking water, wastewater, reuse, and stormwater systems all in pursuit of ensuring water quality and improving water services to the public.
2. The WRF's Tailored Collaboration Program provides an opportunity for WRF subscribing utilities to partner with the WRF and mutually leverage research funding for a project that addresses an issue of interest to a significant subgroup of WRF subscribers.
3. The Project is part of the WRF's Tailored Collaboration Program and began in 2016 with Phase I and moved into Phase II in late 2017. WRF is now in the process of closing out Phase I and II of the Project prior to beginning Phase III.
4. The Water Bureau has partnered with WRF in the past and desires to participate in Phase III of WRF Project #4806 (LIFT17T16) titled, "LIFT for Management: Developing Utility Analysis and Improvement Methodology ("UAIM")" Project.
5. The Project is practical and applied research that is building a Water Sector model of typical water utility business practices and provides for water utilities to improve current business practices through development and access of a best-practice model for the water industry.
6. The Project will build upon the bureau's benchmarking that has been completed and current strategic planning work. The Bureau expects to use the research from the WRF Project to assist in the expanding internal organizational capabilities and service delivery in targeted improvement areas.
7. WRF's tailored collaboration team is comprised of one or more utilities, a Principal Investigator, and a Water Environment Research Foundation Project Advisory Committee. As consideration for Water Bureau's contribution, the Bureau will receive updates and reports as defined in the Agreement, Exhibit A, attached to this ordinance.

8. The Water Bureau will provide funds in the amount of \$40,000 and \$25,000 in-kind support will be provided to this Project in the form of participation in workshops, expert meetings, and work product review. The in-kind contribution will be provided by existing Water Bureau staff. The total grant contribution, including in-kind services, for the term of the Agreement will not exceed \$65,000. Funding is available in FY 2019-20 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. The Water Bureau Administrator is authorized to execute on behalf of the City an Agreement with Water Environment Research Foundation to grant funding and in-kind services to participate in the Leaders Innovation Forum for Technology for Management, Developing Utility Analysis and Improvement Methodology Project generally in accordance with the agreement attached as Exhibit A.
- b. The Mayor and Auditor are hereby authorized to draw and deliver checks chargeable to the Water Fund when demand is presented and approved by the proper authorities.
- c. Amendments increasing the total compensation of the Agreement may be agreed to and executed by the Water Bureau Administrator or their designated representative for up to twenty-five percent of the total agreement amount. Any increase exceeding twenty-five percent of the total compensation would need City Council approval.

Passed by the Council, **OCT 23 2019**

Commissioner Amanda Fritz
Prepared by: Mike Saling, P.E.
August 28, 2019

Mary Hull Caballero
Auditor of the City of Portland

By  Deputy

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INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Commissioner Amanda Fritz	CLERK USE: DATE FILED OCT 08 2019
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL	<p style="text-align: center;">Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By:  Deputy</p> <p>ACTION TAKEN:</p> <p>OCT 16 2019 PASSED TO SECOND READING OCT 23 2019 9:30 A.M.</p>
Mayor—Finance & Administration - Wheeler	
Position 1/Utilities - Fritz <i>Amanda Fritz</i>	
Position 2/Works - Fish	
Position 3/Affairs - Hardesty	
Position 4/Safety - Eudaly	
BUREAU APPROVAL	
Bureau: Water Bureau Head: <i>Michael Stuhr, P.E.</i>	
Prepared by: Mike Saling, P.E. Date Prepared: August 28, 2019	
Impact Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/>	
Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances	
City Attorney Approval: <i>KLM</i> required for contract, code, easement, franchise, comp plan, charter	
Council Meeting Date October 10 2019	

AGENDA
TIME CERTAIN <input type="checkbox"/> Start time: _____ Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)
CONSENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/> Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
		YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	2. Fish	✓	
3. Hardesty	3. Hardesty	✓	
4. Eudaly	4. Eudaly	✓	
Wheeler	Wheeler	_____	