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IMPACT STATEMENT

Date: August 28, 2019

Council Date: October 16, 2019

Legislation Title: 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)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The purpose of this legislation is to authorize the Portland Water Bureau to partner with the Water Research Foundation (WRF) in Phase III of WRF Project #4806 (LIFT17T16) titled, "LIFT for Management: Developing Utility Analysis and Improvement Methodology ("UAIM")" Project. WRF is a centralized, nonprofit research organization for the water community.

The Project will provide an opportunity for subscribing utilities to partner with WRF and mutually leverage research funding for work that addresses issues of interest to a significant subgroup of Water Environment Research Foundation subscribers. The Project is part of the WRF's Tailored Collaboration Program that 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. The Project is practical and applied research that is building a Water Sector model of typical water utility business practices. It provides for water utilities to improve current business practices through development and access of a best-practice model for the water industry.

The Water Bureau will grant funding and provide in-kind services in support of the Project. This work will build upon prior benchmarking conducted and the Bureau's current strategic planning work. The Bureau expects to improve internal organizational capabilities and service delivery in targeted improvement areas. Because of the Water Bureau's industry leading role, the Bureau can also help advance the water sector through this research Project.

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Financial and budgetary impacts:

The Water Bureau will grant funding in the amount of \$40,000 to the WRF. Funding is available in the Water Bureau's FY 2019-20 Budget. An additional \$25,000 in-kind support will be provided to this research Project in the form of participation in workshops, expert meetings, and work product review. The in-kind contribution will be provided with existing full-time bureau staffing. The total grant contribution, including in-kind services, for the term of the Agreement will not exceed \$65,000.

Community impacts and community involvement:

No anticipated community impacts.

100% Renewable Goal: This action will not increase or decrease the City's total energy use. This action will not increase or decrease the City's renewable energy use.

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

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