

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$107,000 from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service – Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office for Portland Parks & Recreation Environmental Education Programs. (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

This legislation will support environmental education programs provided by Portland Parks and Recreation.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

This amount will increase the FY20/21 budget by \$107,000. The FY 2020/2021 budget is hereby amended as follows:

PP&R Environmental Education Programs

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| • Support for one year of the paid alumni internship program to support up to 31 interns (21 for outside of school year in summer and spring break, and 10 for year-round during the school year) during FY 2020/2021. Experiences will be shaped by new community standards around COVID and will be responsive to community needs. | \$51,000 |
| • Subsidize field trips in nature for low-income schools and community organizations | \$20,000 |
| • Support for two casual staff to lead Teen Nature Team field trips and mentor youth | \$30,000 |
| • Outdoor gear to make participation possible for 20 Youth Conservation Crew and Teen Nature Team teens; winter jackets, rain pants, water bottles, boots | \$6,000 |

Community impacts and community involvement:

Environmental Education (EE) connects Portlanders of all ages to their parks and natural areas through exploration, scientific inquiry, mentorship, and employment. EE is an important part of Portland Parks & Recreation's commitment to the future, as it builds tomorrow's stewards of our parks and natural areas.

CITY NATURE FIELD TRIPS

Field trips connect young children and families to urban nature through hands-on outdoor learning. Topics include plants, habitats, amphibians, birds, geology, and stewardship. This program serves 1,500 children annually from local schools and community groups. For some children, this program provides first-time nature experiences and provides the opportunity for youth to view themselves as scientists and caretakers.

TEEN NATURE TEAM (TNT) TNT is a free program for middle school students from diverse backgrounds. Teens are outdoors, year-round, rain or shine, connecting with nature through science, stewardship, and outdoor recreation. Teens are introduced to natural resource careers as they work with experts in the field and visit ecologically significant sites in our region. Funding from USFWS will support this work through trips to Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge and Tualatin River Wildlife Refuge.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Youth Conservation Crew (YCC) provides year-round employment for youth. Teens work in urban parks and natural areas while developing job skills and exploring careers. Work includes tree care, trail maintenance, habitat restoration, and wildlife monitoring.

Internships for adult alumni of TNT and YCC provides paid internships with PP&R Land Stewardship Division as funding allows. Internships bridge the critical gap between youth programs and entry-level careers; fostering education alongside professionals in the field and providing critical skills for employment. EE internships have led 21 alumni into full- or part-time positions, and many more are seeking advanced education in natural resources.

ALUMNI STATISTICS (2009—2019)

- **85%** of alumni come from low-income households
 - **57%** speak a language other than English at home
 - **76%** people of color
 - **8** alumni hired full-time by PP&R
 - **13** alumni hired part-time/seasonal by PP&R
 - **21%** of alumni still employed by PP&R after reaching adulthood
 - **34** alumni have worked as crew leaders for EE
 - **30+** alumni are currently studying natural resources in college
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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
217001	PKCN000004	511400	PRINNA00000000GP	Non-Program	PK000062	PK00620001	\$51,000
217001	PKCN000004	529000	PRRECSLL000000GP	Non-Program	PK000062	PK00620002	\$20,000
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