

ORDINANCE No. 190321

Authorize the addition of two coordinator positions in the Office of Community and Civic Life and authorize a grant agreement with a nonprofit organization to provide liability insurance coverage for neighborhood associations and place-based community groups in Southwest Portland (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. City Code 3.96 and ONI Standards lay the framework for District Coalitions and Neighborhood Associations.
2. In September of 2020 the City hired independent forensic auditing firm Marsh Minick P.C to confirm or reject concerns about the misuse of public funds, abuse of power, conflicts of interest, lack of transparency, and inequitable practices among Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc (SWNI) and the Board of Directors in their provision of District Coalition services.
3. The audit found financial mismanagement of \$179,332.24, including conflicts of interest and misrepresentation, and a separate financial loss of \$174,265.25 resulting from theft that was adjudicated in court.
4. The audit noted board dysfunction including harassment and bullying which are in opposition to the City's values of equity, inclusion, and collaboration.
5. The City's current District Coalition model includes 4 districts run by non-profit organizations and 2 districts run by the Office of Community & Civic Life.
6. As a result of these findings, the Office of Community and Civic Life will no longer provide grant funds to SWNI for district coalition services, and will instead provide district coalition services to Southwest neighbors in accordance with City Code 3.96 and ONI standards, as it currently does for two other districts.
7. Insurance coverage for neighborhood associations and place-based community groups in Southwest Portland will be provided through a grant agreement with a nonprofit partner. Similar liability insurance coverage funding is currently provided by the City-staffed district coalitions through grant agreements with nonprofit organizations.
8. Funds for any renewals of the agreement can be allocated without the need for an additional ordinance authorizing the expense, provided funds for this purpose are allocated in the Civic Life budget adopted by City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. Authorization of 2.0 regular, permanent FTE Coordinator positions in the Office of Civic and Community Life to continue providing district coalition services to Southwest neighbors. No new funding is required.
- b. The Office of Community and Civic Life to immediately begin an open and competitive recruitment process for those positions upon adoption of this ordinance.
- c. Scheduling of a future Council Work Session so that Council can work collaboratively on the larger issue of service provision to neighborhood associations and district coalitions to ensure the provision of equitable services and to resolve long standing issues as identified by the City Auditor's Office.
- d. The Director of Civic Life (Director) is authorized to execute a grant agreement not to exceed \$20,000 for FY 2021-22 in a form similar to the grant agreement template attached as Exhibit A.
- e. The Director is authorized to execute amendments to the agreement that renew the agreement for FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 per year, provided that funds are available within the Civic Life budget adopted by Council.
- f. In addition to the authority granted in directive d. and e. above, the Director is authorized to execute amendments to this agreement that do not increase the City's financial obligation.
- g. The grant agreement as amended shall not exceed \$60,000.

Passed by the Council: March 10, 2021

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty
Prepared by: Kristin Johnson
Date Prepared: 2/23/2021

Mary Hull Caballero
Auditor of the City of Portland
By *Megan Lehman*
Deputy

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<p style="text-align: center;">COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By: <u>Keelan McClymont</u> Deputy</p> <p>ACTION TAKEN: March 3, 2021 Passed to Second Reading March 10, 2021</p>
Mayor—Finance & Administration - Wheeler	
Position 1/Utilities - Rubio	
Position 2/Works - Ryan	
Position 3/Affairs - Hardesty <i>JL Hardesty</i>	
Position 4/Safety - Mapps	
<p style="text-align: center;">BUREAU APPROVAL</p>	
Bureau: Office of Community and Civic Life Bureau Head: <i>[Signature]</i>	
Prepared by: Kristin Johnson Date Prepared: 2/23/2021	
<p>Impact Statement</p> <p>Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Portland Policy Document</p> <p>If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document.</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances</p>	
<p>City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, comp plan, charter <i>JF</i></p>	
<p>Council Meeting Date March 3, 2021</p>	

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