

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: 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)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

This proposed legislation will change who provides district coalition services as outlined in City Code 3.96 and ONI Standards from a non-profit entity to the Office of Community & Civic Life. The decision to do this was arrived at after careful consideration of the findings of an independent outside audit and hours of meetings with SWNI Executive Committee and Board members, southwest neighbors, and other stakeholders. This solution is not novel. The Office of Community & Civic Life already provides these services to two other district coalitions: North Portland Neighborhood Services and East Portland Community Office.

Liability coverage, including Directors and Officers insurance, for neighborhood associations and place-based community groups supports the ability of communities to engage in public and shared activities. The City-staffed coalition offices partner with community nonprofits to provide this service. This coverage removes a barrier for gatherings of residents that require liability insurance coverage.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

This ordinance does not change appropriation levels within the bureau, but does authorize the addition of 2.0 FTE regular, permanent, Coordinator series positions and execution of a grant agreement with a nonprofit organization to provide insurance coverage to named entities. Funding for these positions will be a realignment of the funds previously granted to SWNI. Any renewals will be subject to having funds available within the Civic Life budget approved by Council.

Community impacts and community involvement:

Staff for the Commissioner in Charge held hours of meetings with individuals involved with SWNI, including Board Executive Committee members, Board members, and other southwest neighbors and stakeholders before deciding on this course of action.

Providing insurance coverage for community events is an important service that removes barriers to participation in public events and supports Southwest Portland's livability and civic life.

100% Renewable Goal:

- Not applicable

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