

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Authorize the Emergency Coordination Center to provide sponsorships to community-based organizations during City disaster declarations (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The Joint Volunteer Information Center (JVIC) program was created in March 2020 as part of the City's COVID pandemic response. The JVIC provides direct support to over 70 community-based organizations (CBOs) utilizing a community advocate model.

The JVIC prioritizes the distribution of supplies to organizations centered in service to communities most impacted by emergencies: Black and Indigenous communities, communities of color, immigrant and refugee communities, people with disabilities and underlying conditions, and people with intersectional experiences of oppression.

A direct award of funds will help to build and or strengthen CBOs' capacity assist the community. Providing funds instead of supplies also enables CBOs to select culturally appropriate products and to support local businesses.

This ordinance permits the ECC to make direct awards to CBOs, rather than requiring the ECC to organize and small CBOs to apply for a competitive grant in the middle of an emergency.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

- JVIC sponsorship grants are awarded to Community Based Organizations in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 per grant during City of Portland declared emergencies.
- Funding is provided from the Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) budget (already appropriated).
- For sponsorship grants executed by the Emergency Coordination Center, the competitive application process requirements of FIN 2.04 are waived.
- Agreements between the sponsored CBO and the ECC will be developed to describe the purpose of the funds.

Community impacts and community involvement:

Providing small direct grants to CBOs will increase the effectiveness of dollars already allocated to support the community during this emergency. The ECC has received a great deal of positive feedback from CBOs they work with. These CBOs serve the communities hit hardest by the pandemic and attendant economic downturn. The JVIC program has also demonstrated that when CBOs have a track record of working with the City as vendors, their visibility and credibility to other funders is increased.

100% Renewable Goal:

No impact.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

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Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount