

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Amend grant agreement with Unite Oregon to provide \$30,000 in additional grant funding to support community engagement for the Unite East Portland Project (Ordinance; amend Agreement No. 32002362)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

This legislation will provide \$30,000 in additional grant funding to Unite Oregon to support expanded community engagement for the Unite East Portland Project. The primary objective of the Unite East Portland Project is to center the perspectives of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities in identifying, documenting, and reporting their priorities for East Portland. The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) will use this project, and the resulting report, as a basis for future planning work and City investments in East Portland, which may include future updates to the East Portland Action Plan. BPS is partnering with the Center for Intercultural Organizing (“Unite Oregon”), which will develop and implement the community engagement strategy, engage new BIPOC community members and perform leadership development and capacity building with these individuals to prepare them for a Community Summit, and will present the resulting information and recommendations to City decision makers. BPS's primary role is to support Unite Oregon throughout the duration of this project in order to secure successful project implementation, and to complete the final project report.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

In previous legislation, Council passed Ordinance No. 190271 on January 27, 2021, to accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$75,000 from Metro for the Unite East Portland Project, the full amount of which BPS is providing to Unite Oregon to lead the Unite East Portland Project’s community engagement and to fund the participation of smaller community organizations, stipends for participants, and translation and interpretation services.

Through the current legislation, BPS will provide an additional amount of \$30,000 to Unite Oregon to enable it to engage a larger number of community based organizations and additional community members and language groups in order to reach a larger portion of the East Portland community. Funds for this amended grant agreement have been appropriated in the FY 2020-21 Spring Budget Monitoring Process.

This legislation will not create new City staff positions.

Community impacts and community involvement:

This Council item will fund additional community outreach for the Unite East Portland Project. No negative community impacts are anticipated as a result of this legislation or the project. A primary objective of this planning project is to ensure that East Portland’s marginalized communities, and in particular its communities of color, have a central role in determining priorities for future City plans and investments in East Portland and will benefit from future improvements in the area.

The planning process will include public engagement guided by a public involvement plan developed for the project by Unite Oregon, supported by BPS staff. Unite Oregon’s background and experience will help ensure that under-served, Black, indigenous, immigrant, and low-income communities of color are prioritized and will play a central role in directing the outcomes of this project, as intended in the grant application. Unite Oregon will partner with smaller community groups to ensure the project reaches as diverse a population as possible. The project approach will center equity, with a focus on developing culturally responsive multilingual engagement and building relationships with marginalized community members.

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