

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Authorize grant agreements for the four nonprofit neighborhood District Coalitions to support Neighborhood Associations and community engagement activities from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$1,470,994 (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

These grant agreements provide financial and limited staff resources from the City of Portland Office of Community & Civic Life to four recognized District Coalitions per City Code 3.96 to provide such services by which the people of the City of Portland may effectively participate in civic affairs and work to improve the livability and character of their Neighborhoods and the City.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

A total of \$1,470,994 in General Fund dollars is allocated in the Office of Community & Civic Life's FY 2021-22 approved budget for distribution of these grants as part of the Neighborhood Outreach and Support Program. This reflects a one-time increase for small grant programs run by the four non-profit District Coalition Offices. The one-time increase in small grants was allocated proportionally to each DCO based on the formula used in FY18/19, outlined in a 2019 report to Council.

These grant agreements on behalf of the City to the four non-profit neighborhood District Coalitions as A(1), A(2), A(3), A(4) in the amounts below for FY 2021-22:

Exhibit	Grantee	FY 21-22 Funding Total (including small grant funding)	FY 20-21 Base Funding Total (No small grants in FY 20-21)	% of Civic Life Grant as part of total budget FY 20-21
A(1)	Central Northeast Neighbors	\$296,150 (\$20,395)	\$274,695	100%
A(2)	Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, Inc.	\$322,763 (\$30,512)	\$292,251	93%

A(3)	Neighborhoods West/Northwest	\$314,754 (\$30,620)	\$284,134	99%
A(4)	Southeast Uplift Neighborhood Program, Inc.	\$537,327 (\$61,971)	\$475,356	92%
	TOTAL	\$1,470,994	\$1,326,436	

Community impacts and community involvement:

District Coalitions offer a range of services for neighborhood associations and other community groups within their district boundaries. These include outreach and communications about neighborhood activities and public involvement opportunities; training and skill building opportunities; document management for neighborhood associations in compliance with ONI Standards; organizational supports such as offering access to commercial liability insurance, logistics support for events, convening, and other administrative and technical assistance.

As reported to City Council in 2019, these grants reflect an inequitable distribution of funding to the communities within these district boundaries. Actions taken by the bureau in 2018-19 reduced but did not eliminate the funding disparity. Additional work continues to address:

- Increased efficiencies within existing district coalition budgets.
- Developing shared goals, strategic collaborative efforts and shared resources resulting in equitable outcomes within and across district coalition boundaries.
- Developing a deeper analysis of our collective and coordinated ability to serve populations that are displaced from and/or migrate to one part of the city to another.

Per Ordinance 190321 passed by Council on March 10, 2021, Council will hold a Work Session so that they 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.

100% Renewable Goal:

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