

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Accept a grant from the Bullitt Foundation via the City of Seattle to provide funding to Portland State University to support research on community-sourced displacement data to inform analysis and accountability in the Anti-Displacement Action Plan in the amount of \$10,000 (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The City of Portland has been engaged in a Peer Cities Initiative with the Cities of Seattle, Washington and Vancouver, British Columbia. After an initial meeting in Vancouver at the end of 2017, the Bullitt Foundation awarded the City of Seattle \$10,000 to support a second “peer city convening” between planning, sustainability, urban design, and transportation staff from the three cities in March 2020. However, this event was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A cross-city staff group met to discuss repurposing the funds to support meaningful learning, action and equitable outcomes, particularly in light of the pandemic’s ongoing impacts on BIPOC communities and the galvanizing Black Lives Matter movement. It was decided that the money could be best spent on work in one city, with an expectation that the selected city would bring the work back to the Peer Cities group for sharing and discussion. A proposal from Dr. Lisa Bates at Portland State University was selected to receive the funds and the Bullitt Foundation supported the proposal.

For administrative reasons, the City of Seattle prefers to transfer the funds to the City of Portland, rather than directly to Portland State University, so this proposed action would allow BPS to accept the funds and pass them through to Portland State University.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

No impact

Community impacts and community involvement:

In conversations around displacement, metrics for talking about the health and robustness of the housing market are incomplete. One of the elements missing is a routinized report that informs the community, and decision makers, about the metrics that speak to the needs of BIPOC communities, with a focus on the most under-served and under-resourced; and more in-depth investigation of issues raised by these communities. Greater equity in city planning is the pathway to greater sustainability and resilience.

Dr. Bates will work with the Anti-Displacement Coalition to design and participate in workshops to review existing data, and collectively identify what’s missing and what’s meaningful to measure and track. Collectively, they will identify potential quantitative and qualitative data needs, priorities and possible sources, with the goal of providing

convenient, routine data collection that addresses BIPOC community-advocated policies/programs, while also building up the research record for community knowledge to be driving questions and analysis.

The outcomes of this work will inform both analysis and accountability tool development as part of the Anti-Displacement Action Plan work, centering BIPOC needs, priorities and expertise.

100% Renewable Goal:

NA

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