

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** \*Authorize a grant to Venture Portland to fund its work with the PDX Recovery + Events Activation Table to support community events that activate spaces across the City in amount not to exceed \$100,000 (Ordinance)

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### **Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:**

In Spring 2021, Portland City Council authorized \$100,000 in Special Appropriations to support those organizing community events that activate spaces across Portland, with priority for events organized by those who are Black, Indigenous, People of Color, and who are LGBTQIA+. Local businesses, community members, venue operators, and event organizers have voiced the need of funding to support community events as part of a healthy, safe, and inclusive re-opening and recovery following the COVID-19 pandemic.

The City would grant a sum not to exceed \$100,000 to Venture Portland to fund its coordination with the Portland Recovery + Events Activation Table to develop and administer a competitive grant opportunity for community activations and report back the outcomes to Portland City Council and the public. The Portland Recovery + Events Activation Table is, and will continue, to develop an equitable framework to create and promote the competitive grant opportunity for community activations. The Activation Table will post updates and opportunity for the public to provide feedback on the framework on the Action Table landing page at <https://www.portland.gov/wheeler/tables>.

Venture Portland is a (501)(c)(6) non-profit organization that promotes the strategic growth of the unique neighborhood business districts in Portland, Oregon. Venture Portland is well positioned to execute the deliverables in the grant agreement. Recently, Venture Portland developed and implemented COVID-19 relief grant programs to support spring and summer activities in business districts citywide.

### **Financial and budgetary impacts:**

Funding for this grant is available in the FY2020-21 budget in the General Fund Special Appropriations. There is no new financial impact.

### **Community impacts and community involvement:**

The City of Portland has heard, and continues to hear, about the importance and the urgency to support community events that activate spaces across the City as part of a healthy, safe, and inclusive re-opening and recovery from closures necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic through City Council budget listening sessions, the PDX Recovery

Events + Activations Table, the Economic Recovery Task Force, and the Emergency Coordination Center's Joint Volunteer Information Center 2021 Summit.

The events supported through the coordinated efforts of Venture Portland and the Portland Recovery + Events Activation Table will also be promoted across the Action Tables and Travel Portland's public calendar to raise awareness of and participation in the events.

### **Budgetary Impact Worksheet**

**Does this action change appropriations?**

- ☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.  
☒ **NO:** Skip this section

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund Center</b>	<b>Commitment Item</b>	<b>Functional Area</b>	<b>Funded Program</b>	<b>Grant</b>	<b>Sponsored Program</b>	<b>Amount</b>