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To Portland City Council,

I am writing in response to the news of the budget surplus and the council's process of allocation. As a community member, I would like to see at least a \$5 million portion of the money be directed to Equitable Giving Circle ([info@equitablegivingcircle.org](mailto:info@equitablegivingcircle.org)).

I have had the chance to volunteer with EGC for about a year now, and as a social worker who has interacted with dozens of non-profits in the Portland Metro area I can confidently describe EGC as the most trauma-informed, culturally responsive, organized, effective, and community-oriented organization I have seen in action. They have a multi-directional impact due to their structure, and they are at the ideal moment for a period of growth. EGC is connected to the community members they serve and follow best practices of anti-racism in their daily operations.

An investment (ideally a recurring investment) in this young organization would benefit the city in perpetuity. This is an urgent moment for our city. I deeply hope that Council will see this organization for what it is- the future of community care.

Thank you,  
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