

**Supplemental Information for Amendment of Ordinance 189696
Portland Harbor Community Grantees**

FY2019-2020 Grantees

The City's Portland Harbor community grants program launched in 2019. The program received seven applications totaling \$152,000. Five groups were selected and \$80,000 was awarded to support this first cohort of grantees.

- Black Educational Achievement Movement
\$12,000
- Blueprint Foundation
\$22,990
- Portland Audubon
\$10,000
- Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group
\$10,000
- Portland Harbor Community Coalition
\$25,000

FY2021-2022 Grantees

The program received 15 applications totaling \$341,049 for the FY21-22 funding cycle. The grant review committee selected the following community organizations to award \$220,000 in funding.

- Black Educational Achievement Movement
\$30,000
- Blueprint Foundation
\$21,540
- Coalition of Communities of Color
\$7,500
- ELSO
\$40,000
- Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership
\$12,000
- Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods
\$26,490
- People of Color Outdoors
\$11,680
- Portland Harbor Community Coalition
\$30,800

- Verde
\$40,000

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Re: PUB support for increased funding for Portland Harbor
Community Grants

Date: November 4, 2021

The Portland Utility Board (PUB) serves as a community advisory board for the Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) and the Portland Water Bureau (PWB). At our September 16, 2021 Board meeting, members of the Portland Harbor Grant Committee shared their experience reviewing this year's proposals, interviewing applicants and awarding funds. The Grant Committee members, themselves volunteers, recognized that the budgeted grant funds are insufficient to fund the high-quality proposals they received. They asked PUB to support a significant funding boost for the Portland Harbor Grant Program.

PUB wholeheartedly endorses the amendment to Ordinance No. 189696 that authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Environmental Services, or the Director's designee, to increase funding for the Portland Harbor public involvement program by \$1,500,000 for grants and other public involvement activities to support meaningful participation through the remedy design phase – likely FY 2024-2025 – and allows individual grants to exceed \$5,000, with inflation increases.

PUB believes the community engagement that the Portland Harbor Grant Program facilitates is a cornerstone of the harbor's ecosystem restoration. The program's goals also closely align with PUB values: clean and safe water, a healthy ecosystem, and a belief that those most affected by racial and economic inequalities should be afforded culturally appropriate opportunities to speak for themselves. The Harbor Grant Program has successfully demonstrated its ability to create these meaningful opportunities for community members most connected to the river. These communities bring lived experience and expertise that deserve fair compensation and PUB stands solidly with The Harbor Grant Program in their ask for more funding.

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Authorize the Director of the Bureau of Environmental Services to increase funding by \$1,500,000 and extend the funding period for the Portland Harbor public involvement program to facilitate public involvement (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No. 189696)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

On September 11, 2019, Council authorized the Bureau of Environmental Services to establish and implement a public involvement program to increase public participation in the Portland Harbor Superfund cleanup process, specifically for the remedy design process. This authorization included a total of \$300,000 for grants and other public involvement activities through FY 2023-2024.

Over the last three years, BES has co-created a public involvement and grant program with community groups to increase public involvement in the cleanup process with a special focus on those most impacted by the contamination and cleanup, specifically BIPOC communities. The grant program dedicated \$100k a year for three years to be focused on supporting BIPOC leadership, building community capacity to engage in scientific, technical and policy decisions, and fostering collaborations with fellow community groups and the City of Portland for work related to the cleanup.

This has been a successful program with high demand. At the request of community grant review panel and at the direction of the Commissioner-in-Charge, all remaining funds were issued in the FY21-22 cycle to meet the needs of the grant proposals. The grant funds for this program have now been fully expended. The community grant review panel has urged the City to increase funding for this grant program and extend the time for these grants through the remedy design process.

Public outreach remains a significant component of the Portland Harbor cleanup process and providing grants are an effective way to meet the City goals of Anti-Racism, Equity, Transparency, Communication and Collaboration. This ordinance amendment reflects the FY 2021-2022 grant review committee feedback urging the City of Portland to invest in Black, Indigenous, People of Color communities at levels that support meaningful participation. To provide increased and sustained funding to support this work, the Bureau of Environmental Services proposes an increase in expenditures not exceed \$1,500,000 and to extend the period of time for funding through the remedial design phase, which is anticipated to go through FY 2024-2025.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

To provide increased support for community involvement in the Portland Harbor Superfund Site cleanup process, the Bureau of Environmental Services proposes an increase in expenditures not to exceed \$1,500,000 for grants and other public involvement activities. These funds will support meaningful participation through the remedy design phase, which is anticipated to go through FY 2024-2025. It is anticipated that up to \$500,000 per year will be issued in grants through FY 2024-2025. Individual grants may exceed \$5,000 per grant.

The Portland Harbor public involvement program will draw from the Superfund Reserve Sub-Fund within the Citywide Obligations Reserve Fund (fund 231001) that collects funds from ratepayer bureaus and other funds. Annual amounts authorized for the program will be included in the City's approved budget for the fiscal year in which the funds will be spent.

Work identified in this agreement will be conducted by current members of the Portland Harbor team located in the Bureau of Environmental Services. There will be no staffing changes as a result of this legislation.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The \$1,500,000 designated in this proposed amendment would allow for meaningful public involvement for this phase of the project. Authorized funds will support public involvement activities among all Portlanders, including particularly those disproportionately affected by the Portland Harbor Superfund contamination and cleanup. These communities include those with current or historical connections to the area, Black, Indigenous, People of Color; housed and unhoused people who live near the site; immigrants; refugees; and people who eat resident fish.

100% Renewable Goal:

Not Applicable.

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