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Emergency Ordinance

***Authorize grant agreements with five nonprofit organizations through the Diversity and Civic Leadership Program for FY 2022-23 in the amount of \$736,670 to support civic engagement services for under-engaged communities, with a focus on Black, Indigenous, people of color, immigrants and refugees**

Passed

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. This grant agreement provides financial and limited staff assistance resources from the City of Portland Office of Community & Civic Life to five organizations for the purpose of supporting civic engagement services for under-engaged communities, with a focus on Black, Indigenous, people of color (BIPOC), and immigrants and refugees, through the Diversity and Civic Leadership (DCL) program.
2. The goal of this grant agreement is to enhance civic engagement among BIPOC, immigrant, and refugee communities to improve community livability, public health and public safety, organizational capacity and self-empowerment at the community level. The five DCL organizations are critical partners working with Civic Life to implement concrete action steps organized around three interdependent goals:
 - Increase community building and civic engagement opportunities for BIPOC, immigrant, and refugee communities working toward equitable outcomes for all Portlanders.
 - Support communities in pursuing forms of governance that reflect their lived experience, values, and aspirations. Design cohort-based models for civic engagement in collaboration with bureaus to address city livability issues.
 - Build connections across community and advocacy groups. Promote inclusive education, art and play.

Introduced by

[Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty](#)

Bureau

[Office of Community & Civic Life](#)

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Requested Agenda Type

Time Certain

Date and Time Information

Requested Council Date

July 13, 2022

Requested Start Time

4:00 pm

Time Requested

45 minutes (1 of 2)

3. The outcome of DCL projects results in new community leaders having an expanded understanding of the City's governance structure, improved communications and expanded public involvement opportunities with City bureaus, and new partnerships between BIPOC community organizations, immigrant and refugee organizations, neighborhood district coalitions, and other community-based groups.
4. A total of \$736,670 in General Fund dollars is allocated in the Office of Community & Civic Life FY 2022-23 requested budget for distributing these grants as part of the Diversity and Civic Leadership Program. This total amount maintains the previous FY 2021-2022 allocation to these grantees and includes additional cost of living adjustments. It also reflects the bureau's Budget Advisory Committee and the Mayor's budget guidance to prioritize communities most impacted by COVID-19 and racial inequities.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- A. The Director of the Office of Community & Civic Life is authorized to execute Grants Agreements in a form similar to Exhibit A, provided such agreements have been approved as to form by the City Attorney, with the five nonprofit Diversity Civic Leadership organizations below listed A(1) through A(5) in the amounts below for FY2022-23:

Grantee FY 22-23 Total requested		
A (1)	Unite Oregon (Center for Intercultural Organizing)	\$147,334
A (2)	Latino Network	\$147,334
A (3)	Immigrant Refugee Community Organization (IRCO)	\$147,334
A(4)	Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA)	\$147,334
A (5)	Urban League of Portland	\$147,334
TOTAL	--	\$736,670


- B. The Mayor and City Auditor are hereby authorized to pay the grant funds from the General Fund.
- C. Amendments to the grant agreements may be agreed to and executed by the Director of the Office of Community & Civic Life or their designee, including but not limited to adjustments approved by City Council during the Fall Budget Monitoring Process, provided

such amendments have been approved as to form by the City Attorney. City may terminate or amend agreements if it fails to receive funding, appropriations, limitations or other expenditure authority sufficient to allow the City, in the exercise of its administrative discretion, to continue to make payments for the performance of this agreement; or, federal or state laws, rules, regulations or guidelines are modified or interpreted in such way that the project is no longer allowable or nor longer eligible for funding under this ordinance.

- D. The competitive solicitation requirements in City Policy FIN-2.04 are waived as applied to the grant agreements authorized by this ordinance.

Section 2. The Council declares that an emergency exists because a delay would unnecessarily delay the City's ability to perform the activities authorized by the grant; therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

Documents and Exhibits

 [Exhibit A](#) (267.08 Kb)

An ordinance when passed by the Council shall be signed by the Auditor. It shall be carefully filed and preserved in the custody of the Auditor (City Charter Chapter 2 Article 1 Section 2-122)

Passed by Council
July 13, 2022

Auditor of the City of Portland
Mary Hull Caballero

Impact Statement

Purpose of Proposed Legislation and Background Information

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Financial and Budgetary Impacts

A total of \$736,670 in General Fund dollars is appropriated in the Office of Community & Civic Life FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget for distributing these grants as part of the Diversity and Civic Leadership Program.

These are grant agreements to the organizations on behalf of the City to the five nonprofit Diversity Civic Leadership organizations as exhibit A applies to all grants A(1) through A(5) in the amounts below for FY2022-23

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\$736,670		
Total		

Community Impacts and Community Involvement

DCL leaders, alumni, and partnering organizations have, and continue to, shape more equitable, just, and healthy outcomes for all Portlanders. By partnering with communities through community-based organizations and community-directed programming, the DCL program's community impact includes:

- Community-led civic engagement infrastructure designed by and for BIPOC, immigrant, and refugee communities.
- Culturally specific and in-language curriculum that develops community leadership and advances an awareness of social and racial justice issues, government processes, organizing, and advocacy strategies.
- Increased engagement by BIPOC, immigrant, and refugee community members in City, County, State, and Federal issues. Leadership by these communities in the setting of policy priorities and working with elected officials, bureaus, and agencies to advance those priorities.
- Ongoing restructuring of this program will result in more partnerships and stronger representation among underrepresented communities and constituencies.

While we value long-term investments in an effective set of community partners, we also recognize that after twelve years of successful programming, the DCL program needs to be assessed. As such, we plan to reimagine, redesign, and reach out to a broader set of partners to envision and implement a program that meets the civic engagement needs in this changing environment.

100% Renewable Goal

N/A

Budget Office Financial Impact Analysis

The total amount of the grant agreements is \$736,670. Civic Life's FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget allocates sufficient funding for this purpose.

Agenda Items

629 Time Certain in July 13, 2022 Council Agenda

Passed

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea