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Emergency Ordinance

*Authorize nine grant agreements and intergovernmental agreements related to the Community Watershed Stewardship Program for a total amount of \$100,000

Passed

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. The Portland City Council adopted the Clean River Program on April 6, 1990. In 1995, the Bureau of Environmental Services developed the Community Watershed Stewardship Program (CWSP) to provide grant funds and technical assistance for community led watershed projects. On March 8, 2006, the Council adopted the 2005 Portland Watershed Management Plan which describes actions for watershed health including citizen-led activities such as natural area revegetation, education, involvement and stewardship. On May 2, 2012, Council adopted resolution #36920, reaffirming the City's commitment to watershed health.
2. These grantees have been selected for FY22-23: ELSO Inc.: Wayfinders and Tappin Roots Program; Gather Make Shelter Field Trips Connecting Portland's Homeless to their Natural Environment; Green Lents: Green Wall Tree Planting; Grow Portland: Native Plants and Water Management; Growing Gardens: Bioswale and Gardens in the Columbia Slough; Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership Connecting Students with Science; Social Justice Action Center: Human Nature Stewardship Project; Tryon Creek Watershed Council: Mobile Training Program; and World Salmon Council: Salmon Watch. Additional community projects will be awarded Native Plant Certificates for small native planting projects up to \$500 each. The program area total will not exceed \$100,000.
3. The established cost is \$100,000. Funds are available in the Sewer System Operating Fund, FY22-23 Budget, Bureau of Environmental Services, Cost Center ESDP000023, 529000 (\$100,000).

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

A. The Director of the Bureau of Environmental Services is authorized

Introduced by

[Commissioner Mingus Mapps](#)

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Requested Agenda Type

Time Certain

to execute grant agreements and intergovernmental agreements in substantially the same form as Exhibits A, B and C attached hereto, for the purpose described in Section 1, in the total amount of \$100,000.

- B. The Director of the Bureau of Environmental Services is authorized to amend agreements where substantial need is demonstrated by the grantee to change the timeline or amend the budget line items.
- C. The Mayor and Auditor are hereby authorized to pay for the agreements from the Sewer System Operating Fund Budget when demand is presented and approved by the proper authority.

Section 2. The Council declares that an emergency exists because it is necessary to award agreements without delay to begin Community Watershed Stewardship projects by September 1, 2022; therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

Documents and Exhibits

 [Exhibit A](#) (186.03 Kb)

 [Exhibit B](#) (235.31 Kb)

 [Exhibit C](#) (121.02 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
August 3, 2022

Auditor of the City of Portland
Mary Hull Caballero

Impact Statement

Purpose of Proposed Legislation and Background Information

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide funding to community partners to implement small, on-the-ground restoration, education and leadership development projects. These diverse projects will plant native landscapes, engage and train underrepresented community members in stewardship of natural areas, create learning gardens, and educate community members of all ages about watershed health.

This year's Selection Committee included BES Community Engagement staff, Judy BlueHorse Skelton, Associate Professor, Portland State University Indigenous Nations Studies (INST), Naomi Rodriguez, INST Student, Sophia Reyes, INST Student. The committee continues to use three selection criteria: benefits to watershed health, community partnerships, and the degree to

which the project serves and is led by underrepresented community members. Sixteen pre-applications were received this year by CWSP. Gather Make Shelter, Social Justice Action Center and World Salmon Council are three organizations that are receiving CWSP funding for the first time.

Estimated grant awards are indicated below, but final awards may vary based on possible additional funds needed such as insurance coverage to meet City requirements.

Specific projects funded for 2022-23 are:

1. ELSO Inc.(\$12,000) Black-identified youth will participate in environmental education experiences led by peer mentors, including water quality investigations, natural area revegetation, garden installation, and invasive species removal.
2. Gather Make Shelter (GMS) (\$10,000) will work with community partners to bring exploration and learning opportunities in the Columbia Slough Watershed's natural areas to unhoused community members who participate in GMS services.
3. Green Lents (\$12,000) will expand tree cover at Lent Elementary School to provide heat relief and reduce air and noise pollution from nearby I-205, and connect the community to urban ecology and environmental justice. Offerings will include multi-lingual access.
4. Grow Portland (\$10,000) will partner with Indigenous community members to develop native planting designs, create education curricula, and enhance planting spaces at multiple garden sites.
5. Growing Gardens (\$12,000) will work with inmates and correctional officers at the Columbia River Correctional Institution (CRCI) to build a garden and a bioswale. The project teaches healthy watershed gardening practices, providing inmates, who are in a recovery program, with an increased sense of environmental knowledge and awareness, job credentials, self-agency and healing.
6. Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership (\$9,889) will provide 4th and 5th grade students from a predominantly low-income school with hands-on classroom science lessons, followed by a field trip to experience local wildlife, reinforce classroom learning, and engage in a native plant restoration project.
7. Social Justice Action Center (SJAC) (\$10,000) will create a native plant habitat at the Center, to provide a safe green space where service recipients and volunteers can take refuge and learn about the beneficial functions of native plantings and derive inspiration from the experience.
8. Tryon Creek Watershed Council (\$10,950) involves immigrant youth in education and on-the-ground watershed restoration and training. Workshops involve an introduction to watershed science and stewardship projects to remove invasive plants and plant natives.
9. World Salmon Council (\$10,000) brings students from the Blueprint Foundation, Native American Youth and Family Center, Latino Network and Girl Scouts to mark storm drains, plant trees, and restore riparian areas to learn about and participate in salmon-saving contributions.

Financial and Budgetary Impacts

- Long-term financial impacts for the City: Long term financial impacts are not a consideration for these grants as the projects have a 12-month execution period.
- Budget impacts: the budget for CWSP is included in the Sewer System Operating Fund Budget, FY 22-23 ESDP00023.
- Change in expenses: This legislation authorizes spending on an existing project and include funds that have been budgeted for this intended use.
- The level of confidence for these project estimates are high. Budgets for individual projects have been examined and approved by the Stewardship Grant selection committee.
- Sources of funding are included in the Sewer System Operating Fund Budget, FY 2022-23, ESDP00023.
- This legislation does not create, eliminate, or re-classify positions now or in the future.
- Financial agreements: This legislation does result in a new or modified financial obligation or benefit, including IGAs, grants and contracts.

Community Impacts and Community Involvement

This legislation is in direct response to requests for engagement from the community. The community-identified benefits include improved watershed health, greener community spaces and natural areas, improved access to natural areas, and education for marginalized populations. The projects improve participation of underrepresented people in environmental activities. The projects authorized through this legislation are driven by community members with the assistance of a CWSP coordinator from the PSU Indigenous Nations Studies Program. The purpose of this authorization of funding is to provide financial support for community-designed and community-executed environmental endeavors.

- Different communities of people are benefitting from this legislation. Specific populations that are served by these projects include Portlanders who are BIPOC youth and adults, are immigrants, are incarcerated, or are experiencing houselessness. Many projects this year are working with students.
- The geographic area served by these projects are within the City of Portland's Urban Services Boundary.
- Businesses, institutions, and interest-based organizations all benefit from this legislation. Several educational programs and institutions will also benefit from this legislation.
- This legislation makes several improvements to City livability. Projects authorized by this legislation contributes to a prosperous, educated, healthy, and equitable Portland. Populations within the City who are currently underserved will benefit from this funding authorization by gaining conservation and restoration education and training.
- Summarize significant objections/concerns: No objections received.

100% Renewable Goal

- This action does not increase or decrease the City's total energy use
- This action does not increase or decrease the City's renewable energy use

Budget Office Financial Impact Analysis

The established cost is \$100,000, and the budget for the CWSP is included in BES's FY 2022-23 budget in the Sewer System Operating Fund. The level of confidence for these project estimates are high. Budgets for individual projects have been examined and approved by the Stewardship Grant selection committee.

Agenda Items

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Passed

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Absent

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea