



# 191072

Ordinance

## Authorize application to Federal Emergency Management Agency for Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities grant to increase disaster resilience through project planning, solar microgrid construction, and tree planting in the amount of \$7,200,000

Passed

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program supports states, local communities, tribes and territories as they undertake hazard mitigation projects.
2. FEMA anticipates awarding \$2.295 Billion dollars through the 2022 BRIC grant program, with funds appropriated by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.
3. This year, BRIC priorities are to incentivize activities that mitigate risk to public infrastructure and disadvantaged communities, incorporate nature-based solutions, and enhance climate resilience and adaptation. BRIC encourages projects that meet multiple program priorities.
4. The City of Portland has a Mitigation Action Plan (MAP) that identifies hazard mitigation projects in accord with FEMA's priorities and potentially eligible for BRIC funding.
5. Street tree planting in areas that experience the urban heat island effect is a priority in the MAP and is proposed for up to \$2,000,000 of funding under this grant. Portland Parks and Recreation Urban Forestry leads this work.
6. Neighborhood scale energy resilience through solar and battery systems is also a priority of the MAP. Portland Parks and Recreation is proposing the installation of such a system at the East Portland Community Center and seeking up to \$5,000,000 funding under this grant.
7. Slope stabilization projects to prevent erosion and collapse of roads, prioritizing emergency transportation routes and routes that face increasing risk from floods and landslides due to climate change, is another priority of the MAP. Planning for stabilization and restoration along Fanno Creek is proposed for up to \$200,000 funding under this grant. The Portland Bureau of Transportation leads this work.

**Introduced by**

[Mayor Ted Wheeler](#)

**Bureau**

[Emergency Management](#)

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**Requested Agenda Type**

Regular

**Date and Time Information**

**Requested Council Date**  
November 16, 2022

8. There is a 25% cost share match requirement for BRIC grants. Cost share will be met by funds already anticipated for major maintenance of the East Portland Community Center, for tree-planting through Parks Urban Forestry program, and for street maintenance by the Portland Bureau of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- A. The Mayor is authorized to apply for this grant from the Federal Bureau of Emergency Management up to the amount of \$7,200,000.
- B. The Mayor is authorized to provide such information and assurances as are required for the grant period.
- C. The Office of Management and Finance (OMF) Grants Management Division is authorized to perform all administrative matters in relation to the grant application, grant agreement or amendments, requests for reimbursement from the grantor, and to submit required online grant documents on the Mayor's behalf.

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  
November 16, 2022

Auditor of the City of Portland  
Mary Hull Caballero

## **Impact Statement**

### **Purpose of Proposed Legislation and Background Information**

This ordinance authorizes the Mayor to apply for three BRIC grants totaling \$7,200,000. The projects seeking funding are all identified as priorities in the City's Mitigation Action Plan (MAP). The MAP was developed through a collaborative process that included many City bureaus, partner agencies, and community input. The projects proposed for grant funding are also priorities in the City's Climate Emergency Declaration.

### **Financial and Budgetary Impacts**

This ordinance has no direct financial or budget impacts. If grants are awarded, bureaus will return to Council for permission to accept them. They will modify their budget at that time to reflect the grant funding.

The grants do have a 25% budget match. Bureaus anticipate meeting the match requirement with funds already budgeted for programmatic work and major maintenance; these projects are in effect piggybacking on existing planned projects.

## **Community Impacts and Community Involvement**

All three of these projects were identified as priorities in the MAP, which was developed with public engagement. All of the projects will improve safety and quality of life for Portland residents and mitigate impacts of climate change. Two are located in East Portland, in recognition of past inequities in services to this part of the city.

Negative impacts will be limited to temporary construction impacts.

## **100% Renewable Goal**

Not applicable.

## **Budget Office Financial Impact Analysis**

If awarded, this grant could result in funding of up to \$7.0 million for Portland Parks & Recreation and \$200,000 in the Portland Bureau of Transportation. The bureaus expect to cover the 25% cost share match requirement through existing planned expenditures related to these proposed projects.

## **Agenda Items**

### **951 Time Certain in November 9, 2022 Council Agenda**

Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading November 16, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

### **971 Regular Agenda in November 16-17, 2022 Council Agenda**

Passed

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea