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### MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Sam Adams

From: Susan Anderson, Director

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FOR  
SUSAN  
ANDERSON*

Date: February 5, 2010

1. Ordinance Title: \* Authorize application to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for a Historic Preservation Fund Grant in the amount of \$17,000 to supplement the City's historic resources program.

2. Contact Name, Department, & Phone Number: Liza Mickle, 503-823-7666

3. Requested Council Date: February 24, 2010

Consent Agenda Item: X or Regular Agenda Item: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Item (answer below): X or Non-Emergency Item: \_\_\_\_\_

*If emergency, why does this need to take effect immediately:*

The grant application is due at SHPO no later than February 26, 2010.

#### 4. History of Agenda Item/Background:

This is a request to submit a grant application to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). SHPO grants consist of federal and state funds and require a 50/50 match of local funds or donated services. The City of Portland has requested and received SHPO grants on a yearly basis since the mid-1990s. Grant funds have been used to supplement City funding for historic preservation programs and projects. Past projects have included improvements to the City's regulations affecting historic properties, development of a database to provide information to the public about historic resources, and writing a historic context for East Portland. Work under this grant will follow up on the East Portland historic context with new survey and analysis of historic resources in the area.

#### 5. Purpose of Agenda Item:

The action requested is to allow the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to submit a grant application to the State Historic Preservation Office. There is an emergency clause because the deadline for receipt of the application at SHPO is February 26, 2010.

#### 6. Legal Issues:

There are no known legal issues.

#### 7. What individuals or groups are or would be opposed to this resolution? Supportive?

The Historic Landmarks Commission and historic preservationists would be supportive of this resolution.

#### 8. How Does This Relate to Current City Policies?

State Goal 5 includes a provision for the protection of historic resources in the State of Oregon. Portland Comprehensive Plan Goal 3 - Neighborhoods has policies that call for preserving and reinforcing the stability and diversity of the City's neighborhoods. Policy 3.4 Historic Preservation calls for preserving and retaining historic structures and areas throughout the city. Under Comp Plan Goal 12 - Urban Design, Policy 12.3 Historic Preservation calls for enhancing the city's identity through the protection of Portland's significant resources.

Work under this grant will focus on gaining a greater understanding of historic resources in East Portland, an area that is underserved by historic preservation research, policies and protections. Therefore, the proposal supports and will help the city to comply with these goals and policies.

**9. Community Participation:**

Citizens and community groups in East Portland will have the opportunity to learn about and benefit from the proposed projects.

**10. Other Government Participation:** No other government participation is anticipated.

**11. Financial Impact:** There will be no financial impact until the grant is awarded. At that time, the financial impact statement will describe impact on the budget.