

FINANCIAL IMPACT and PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT STATEMENT For Council Action Items

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4a. To be filed (hearing date): July 24, 2013	4b. Calendar (Check One) Regular <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5ths <input type="checkbox"/>		5. Date Submitted to Commissioner's office and FPD Budget Analyst:
6a. Financial Impact Section: X Financial impact section completed		6b. Public Involvement Section: X Public involvement section completed	

1) Legislation Title: *Authorize grant agreements and intergovernmental agreements with twelve non-profit and public entities related to the Community Watershed Stewardship Program. (Ordinance)

2) Purpose of the Proposed Legislation:

Provide funding to community partners to implement small on-the-ground restoration and education projects. These diverse projects will de-pave impervious surface, restore streamside areas, control erosion, naturescape landscapes and create bioswales and rain gardens while teaching community members of all ages about what individuals can do to improve watershed health.

Specific projects funded for 2013-14 are: Surfrider - Rain Garden at Peninsula School(\$9,950), Neighborhood Association - Parking Lot Retrofit (\$10,000), Muslim Community Center Community Garden and Education (\$8,000), Tryon Creek Watershed Council - Stream Restoration Mentors (\$7,660), St. Mary's Ethiopian Orthodox Church - Parking Lot Retrofit (\$10,000), Metropolitan Family Service - SUN Community Garden at David Douglas HS (\$5,500), Groundwork Portland - Green Team Youth Projects (\$5,000), Outgrowing Hunger - East Portland Garden (\$7,990), Wisdom of the Elders, Inc - Native Youth Stewardship & Traditional Education (\$6,000), Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon- Irvington Covenant Rain Garden and Art (\$8,900), Faith Community Church - Naturescaping (\$8,000), Humboldt Neighborhood Association - Albina Tree Initiative (\$8,000). Additional community projects will be awarded mini-grants not exceeding \$500 each for the purchase of native plants for stormwater and natural area restoration projects (\$3,000).

3) Which area(s) of the city are affected by this Council item? (Check all that apply—areas are based on formal neighborhood coalition boundaries)?

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City-wide/Regional | <input type="checkbox"/> Northeast | <input type="checkbox"/> Northwest | <input type="checkbox"/> North |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Northeast | <input type="checkbox"/> Southeast | <input type="checkbox"/> Southwest | <input type="checkbox"/> East |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central City | | | |

FINANCIAL IMPACT

4) Revenue: Will this legislation generate or reduce current or future revenue coming to the City? If so, by how much? If so, please identify the source. No.

5) Expense: What are the costs to the City as a result of this legislation? What is the source of funding for the expense? (Please include costs in the current fiscal year as well as costs in future years. If the action is related to a grant or contract please include the local contribution or match required. If there is a project

estimate, please identify the level of confidence.) The established cost is \$95,000 for the grants and \$3,000 for the native plant mini grants. Funds are available in the Sewer System Operating Fund, FY 13-14 Budget, Bureau of Environmental Services, Cost Center ESWS000007, GL Accounts 529000 (grants) and 549000 (mini-grants).

6) Staffing Requirements:

- **Will any positions be created, eliminated or re-classified in the current year as a result of this legislation?** *(If new positions are created please include whether they will be part-time, full-time, limited term, or permanent positions. If the position is limited term please indicate the end of the term.)*
No.
- **Will positions be created or eliminated in future years as a result of this legislation?** No.

(Complete the following section only if an amendment to the budget is proposed.)

7) Change in Appropriations *(If the accompanying ordinance amends the budget please reflect the dollar amount to be appropriated by this legislation. Include the appropriate cost elements that are to be loaded by accounting. Indicate "new" in Fund Center column if new center needs to be created. Use additional space if needed.)*

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount

[Proceed to Public Involvement Section — REQUIRED as of July 1, 2011]

8) Was public involvement included in the development of this Council item (e.g. ordinance, resolution, or report)? Please check the appropriate box below:

☒ YES: Please proceed to Question #9.

☐ NO: Please, explain why below; and proceed to Question #10.

9) If "YES," please answer the following questions:

a) What impacts are anticipated in the community from this proposed Council item?

CWSP grants support community-requested watershed stewardship activities. The community will be positively impacted by this item in part because the activity and project ideas come from, and are desired by, the community. Along with stormwater management results which provide direct environmental benefits and cost savings, projects also build skills, educate citizens, and beautify neighborhoods. Direct watershed health benefits include removal of invasive plants, habitat restoration, erosion control, tree planting and protection, removal of impervious surfaces, soil improvements which reduce stormwater runoff, and planting native vegetation. These grants also strengthen community ties through cooperative programs and volunteer participation, which draw diverse groups together for joint activities and common goals.

Specific projects and impacts include:

Surfrider Foundation, Portland Chapter - Rain Garden at Peninsula School - \$9,950

Surfrider will partner with Rain City Gardens and Peninsula K-8 to design, install, and maintain a rain garden at the school. Educational units including watershed awareness, designing a rain garden and native plants will be incorporated into curriculum. Funds are requested for materials and supplies (plants, mulch, piping, interpretative signage, gravel and stepping stones for path), project coordinator, and professional services (Rain City Gardens and contractor). The project is located in a diverse and historically underserved neighborhood, which has been underfunded by CWSP.

King Neighborhood Association - "Green King" - \$10,000

This project will removal asphalt in the King Neighborhood Facility parking lot and construct a landscaped island and swale to capture parking lot runoff and solve a standing-water problem. The parking lot is adjacent to PPS King School and King Park, and hosts a weekly summer farmer's market. Funds are requested for materials (plants, mulch, soil, parking bumpers), equipment rentals, contractor, and permits. The project is located in the diverse King Neighborhood, adjacent to King School, whose students would be involved.

Muslim Community Center - Seeds of Understanding - \$8,000

This project will expand a community garden that primarily serves African refugee families. Staff will work with the Somali community, and youth workers will assist with watering and invasive weed control. A beekeeping component, including native plants, will support the pollination of the garden and draw upon the Islamic tradition, in which bees are sacred. Watershed information would be displayed in an existing kiosk that faces the sidewalk at a bus stop. Funds are requested for materials and supplies (plants, mulch, tools), beekeeping materials and training, project coordination, contracted services, and youth stipends.

Tryon Creek Watershed Council - Mentor Program - \$7,660

The Restoration Mentor Program will train mentors to act as crew leaders of volunteer teams who remove invasive species, replant natives, and restore streamside habitat on private properties along Tryon Creek. Funds will be spent on native plants, mulch, tools, program coordination, and contracted invasive treatment. Low-income and refugee youth will help with planting and invasive removal on some properties. Verde, which provides environmental jobs and skills training to low-income individuals, will be hired for treatment of invasive plants.

St. Mary Ethiopian Orthodox Church - Parking Lot Retrofit - \$10,000

This project will remove ~4,900 square-feet of asphalt from a church parking lot that experiences recurring flooding. A 1,500 square-foot infiltration basin would collect stormwater from the remaining 8,000 square-feet of parking area. Two

other depaved areas would be planted with natives to create a green space for the church. Funds would be spent on plants, soil, asphalt removal and contractor services. This project is led by Ethiopian immigrants, solves a recurrent flooding problem, and helps create new partnerships with other groups in their neighborhood (Depave, Johnson Creek Watershed Council, Green Lents).

Metropolitan Family Service - SUN Community Garden at David Douglas HS - \$5,500

This project will construct ten raised garden beds at David Douglas High School. Students and families will work together during the design, construction and operation of the garden. The project also proposes the installation of a compost system, native plants, rain-fed irrigation system and a tool shed. Students would gain an understanding of their impact on the environment, leadership skills and experience in planning and design. Funds would be spent on plants, mulch, soil, tools and lumber for the raised beds. This project is led by SUN staff and a diverse group of students from David Douglas High School.

Groundwork Portland - Green Team Year-Round Expansion - \$5,000

This proposal will expand Groundwork's Green Team youth program year-round to provide both summer and school-year watershed and sustainable storm water education through service projects, field trips, interactions with watershed professionals and job skills training in environmental careers. Students will take on leadership roles through selecting and implementing watershed health projects. Project partners include Green Lents, Audubon Society of Portland, Muslim Community Center of Portland, and the Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon. Funds will be spent on transportation, tools, native plants, youth stipends and a trainer. Groundwork Portland is predominantly led by people of color, and serves youth of color. This project provides leadership and job skills experiences and stipends for youth.

Outgrowing Hunger - East Portland Neighborhood Garden - \$7,990

Outgrowing Hunger proposes making improvements to the East Portland Neighborhood Gardens, including rainwater capture and storage for garden irrigation, covered tool storage, soil improvement, and watershed and garden education. Funding will be spent on plants and mulch; tools and equipment rental; fencing; materials for tool storage structure; rain catchment system; project coordination; translation services; youth stipends. Outgrowing Hunger's community garden serves members of underrepresented communities, including immigrant and refugee families. Stipends are provided for garden interns from minority communities, who will coordinate projects with other community members.

Wisdom of the Elders, Inc - Native Youth Stewardship & Traditional Education - \$6,000

This project will train Native American youth in environmental science, traditional Native American ecological knowledge, media and technology (video production) and cultural arts. Summer field science day camps would be held for 30 Native American youth and families. Restoration work in a garden area on the east side of Kelly Butte Natural Area will improve runoff and remove invasive plants. Environmental and watershed health service learning projects will be conducted at other sites. Funds are requested for: plants and mulch; tools; video production equipment; project coordination; youth stipends and travel reimbursement. This project is led by a Native American community organization, provides leadership experiences for Native youth, and makes improvements to a community garden space.

Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon (MESO) - Irvington Covenant Rain Garden and Art \$8,900

MESO proposes a project to disconnect downspouts from its building, which is owned by Irvington Covenant Church, and create a rain garden to receive the stormwater. Downspouts are currently connected to the combined sewer system. The highly visible project (corner of MLK & Shaver) will include native plants and artistic, educational elements on a blank wall to enhance awareness of stormwater management practices. Church members and Groundwork Portland's Green Team would be project partners. Funds are requested for plants, mulch, and tools; materials for stormwater conveyance art element; project coordination; permits. MESO is led predominantly by people of color, and its clients are largely from underrepresented communities. The design and coordination of the project is done by a MESO small-business client. Youth from underrepresented communities will gain leadership experience through project implementation.

Faith Community Church - Church Ground Naturescaping - \$8,000

This project, a partnership between Faith Community Church and the Russian Speaking Network of Oregon (RSNO), proposes to host an East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation naturescaping workshop for members of the two groups. Youth from RSNO will receive stipends to work on the naturescaping project that would replace a grass lawn at a highly visible location along the Max line in East Portland. Native plants, shrubs and trees would be added to the church property. Funds will be spent on plants, mulch, project coordination, contracted landscape designer, youth stipends, and

outreach materials. This project is designed and led by RSNO, which is led by and serves immigrants. RSNO clients and others will receive environmental education and gain gardening skills.

Humboldt Neighborhood Association - Albina Tree Initiative - \$8,000

Humboldt Neighborhood Association will pay students from Rosemary Anderson High School to conduct outreach with Friends of Trees staff, receive crew leader training and help plant street trees in the Albina area. Funding would be spent on trees and related materials; project coordination; outreach materials; youth stipends. This project entails a partnership with Rosemary Anderson High School, which serves predominantly low-income students of color. Students will gain leadership experience and earn stipends for their work.

b) Which community and business groups, under-represented groups, organizations, external government entities, and other interested parties were involved in this effort, and when and how were they involved?

In order to include more under represented groups, CWSP overhauled its branding and marketing strategy for the 2013-14 grant cycle. A new emphasis was placed on promoting the grant as a means of funding projects that address community needs while also advancing watershed stewardship. New outreach materials incorporated this messaging – including posters, flyers, e-mail announcements, presentations and a booklet with case studies of past projects. The program was heavily promoted to underrepresented communities, and the grant application was revised to make the involvement and leadership of those communities one of three clear selection criteria.

Specific outreach methods included:

- Presentations to several neighborhood coalition meetings
- Site-visits to community groups interested in applying for grants
- Four grant workshops to help prospective applicants develop their proposals, held at Southeast Uplift, Multnomah Arts Center, Kenton Library, and East Portland Community Center
- Informational booths at public events: Midsummer's Green Festival in the Cully neighborhood, East Portland Sunday Parkways, East Portland Expo, Music in the Park events throughout the city
- Meetings with staff from EPNO and the Division Midway Alliance to learn about emerging stewardship opportunities in their service areas
- A meeting with representatives of over a dozen immigrant and refugee groups, organized by the Office of Equity and Human Rights
- E-mails and phone calls to groups that had not previously applied for CWSP funds

Direct support was provided to over 50 organizations that expressed interest in applying, including 36 groups that ultimately applied (out of 43 applicants). This support included in-person meetings, on-site consultations, technical assistance, and assistance in developing project ideas and partnerships.

These efforts proved to be extremely successful. Whereas CWSP received only 3 applications from underrepresented community groups in 2011 (7% of applications), and only 2 such applications in 2012 (11% of applications), that number grew to 14 applications from underrepresented community groups in 2013, accounting for a full third of all applications.

c) How did public involvement shape the outcome of this Council item?

Groups who applied for grants had realistic timelines and budgets and strong partnerships.

d) Who designed and implemented the public involvement related to this Council item?

The public involvement plan for the grants was developed by BES staff Jennifer Devlin and PSU graduate students Rebecca Hamilton, Shannon Jamison and Cameron Herrington.

e) Primary contact for more information on this public involvement process (name, title, phone, email): Jennifer Devlin, Environmental Program Coordinator 823-6182
jennifer.devlin@portlandoregon.gov

10) Is any future public involvement anticipated or necessary for this Council item? Please describe why or why not. Yes, we will continue to provide technical assistance throughout the year to help grantees successfully complete their projects. Each project also has public involvement elements.



APPROPRIATION UNIT HEAD (Dean Marriott) *gd MR gmm*



CITY OF PORTLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



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City Council
Agenda Item
Staff Supplemental Report

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TO: Commissioner Nick Fish
THROUGH: Jim Blackwood

FROM: Jennifer Devlin 823-6182

DATE: July 15, 2013

RE: *Authorize grant agreements and intergovernmental agreements with twelve non-profit and public entities related to the Community Watershed Stewardship Program. (Ordinance)

Requested Council Hearing Date: July 24, 2013

I. RECOMMENDATION

Authorize grant agreements and intergovernmental agreements with twelve non-profit and public entities related to the Community Watershed Stewardship Program. (Ordinance)

II. BACKGROUND

Local organizations have been participating in the city's Community Watershed Stewardship Program since its start in 1995. Over 200 Community Watershed Stewardship projects can be found along streams and sidewalks, in parks, schoolyards, church parking lots, below downspouts and up on roofs.

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III. FINANCIAL IMPACT

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IV. LEGAL ISSUES - None

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V. CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES - None

VI. LINK TO CURRENT CITY POLICIES

This program is consistent with City policies of citizen participation, partnership with other institutions, commitment to equity and sustainability.

VII. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

The program is specifically designed to encourage community involvement in watershed projects. Ranking criteria includes partnerships and equity components.

VIII. OTHER GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION

Surfrider - Rain Garden at Peninsula School

- Portland Public Schools is supporting this project as the property owner and facility manager.

King Neighborhood Association - Parking Lot Retrofit

- East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District are providing technical assistance
- Portland Parks and Recreation will help with the necessary permit requirements

Muslim Community Center Community Garden and Education

- Portland Community College may be able to help with some garden elements (pending)

Tryon Creek Watershed Council - Stream Restoration Mentors

- West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District support the project by teaching at mentor trainings, technical assistance to property owners and financial support
- Oregon Parks and Recreation District – provides a site at Tryon Creek State Natural Area for the native plant propagation nursery.

Metropolitan Family Service - SUN Community Garden at David Douglas HS

- David Douglas School District is hosting the project at their property; teachers at the school will be providing support with rain harvesting and irrigation.
- Oregon State University Extension Program is providing technical assistance and volunteer training

Groundwork Portland - Green Team Youth Projects

- East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District is also funding a part of the program through their Partners in Conservation grant program.

Outgrowing Hunger - East Portland Garden

- Centennial School District's Healthy and Active Schools program
- Oregon State University Extension Program is providing technical assistance
- Office of Neighborhood Involvement – funding for outreach events

Wisdom of the Elders, Inc - Native Youth Stewardship & Traditional Education

- Oregon State University Extension Program is providing training and mentoring in organic gardening.
- Americorps National Community Conservation Corps has provided members in the past and will hopefully do so in the coming year.
- East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District is also funding a part of the program through their Partners in Conservation grant program.

IX. FINANCIAL IMPACT ON LOCAL ECONOMY

IF APPLICABLE, PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ESTIMATED NUMBER OF
JOBS CREATED BY THIS ACTION

Short-term positions will be created for at-risk youth and young adults; other small commissions for contractors for construction and interpretation will result.

IF THIS ACTION IS CONTRACT-RELATED, PROVIDE INFORMATION ON
M/W/ESB PARTICIPATION (NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE)

- X. IF THIS IS A CONTRACT, DOES CONTRACTOR HAVE A CURRENT BUSINESS
LICENSE? _____ WHAT IS THEIR BUSINESS LICENSE NUMBER? _____ IS
THEIR ACCOUNT WITH THE CITY CURRENT? _____ IF NOT, HOW MUCH IS
OWING? _____