

## FINANCIAL IMPACT and PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT STATEMENT For Council Action Items

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4a. To be filed (hearing date):  June 4, 2014	4b. Calendar (Check One)  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <span>Regular <input type="checkbox"/></span> <span>Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></span> <span>4/5ths <input type="checkbox"/></span> </div>	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 Community Watershed Stewardship Program to redirect \$8,000 in unspent grant funds for Native Plant Mini Grants awards up to \$500 each. (Ordinance)

**2) Purpose of the Proposed Legislation:**

On July 24, 2013 Portland City Council approved Ordinance No 186169, authorizing \$95,000 for Community Watershed Stewardship Grants and \$3,000 for native plant mini-grants. It included community-led projects not only to manage stormwater, but 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.

One of the grantees will be unable to use its grant funding: the Muslim Community Center (MCC), whose Community Garden and Education project was awarded \$8,000. Unfortunately, MCC's mosque burned on October 17, 2013 (<http://mccpdx.org/>) and the group plans to build a new mosque on the site of the community garden for which the funding was directed.

The Community Watershed Stewardship Program would like to redirect these funds to award additional Native Plant Mini Grants, up to \$500 per grant for community groups. Currently there is a wait list for native plant mini grants since we have awarded all available plant funds.

**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                  |                                    |                                    |                                |

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**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 \$8,000 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 Account 529000.

**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]**

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

**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.

**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?**

So far this year, the Community Watershed Stewardship Program has awarded all native plant mini grant funds established through the existing Council ordinance. Groups who received funds this year included: Foster Powell Community Garden, Linnton Neighborhood Association, Earl Boyles Elementary SUN School, Cedar Sinai Park, Rose CDC, Vermont Hills Community Garden, Red Rock Creek neighbors, Tryon Creek Stream Stabilization, Fanno Creek Restoration at Robert Gray and a northeast Portland rain garden. Criteria for awards and application materials are found at: <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/article/142306>

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

This item encourages public involvement.

**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 Shannon Jamison and Rosa Lehman. As BES and PSU staff offer technical assistance to Portlanders, often a native plant mini grant is a perfect way to get their group involved prior to requesting a full grant from the program.

**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](mailto: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 imagine and implement projects. Each project also has its own public involvement elements.



APPROPRIATION UNIT HEAD (Dean Marriott)

