

**IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Legislation title:** \* Approve Innovation Funding for twelve proposals for FY 2014-15 (Ordinance).

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**Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:**

The legislation is being proposed to obtain the approval of Council to fund twelve innovative project proposals recommended by the City of Portland Innovation Review Panel for fiscal year 2014-15. The allocation of monies from the Special Appropriation fund to recipient bureaus will occur through the Spring Budget Monitoring Process. Council approval of the funding through this legislation will provide the opportunity to bureaus to move a project forward, so long as the bureau has budget capacity, prior to the Spring Budget Monitoring Process.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

There is no change to an appropriation due to this legislation. Special Appropriation funds of \$1,000,000 have previously been appropriated ongoing by Council for the specific support of the Innovation Fund.

The legislation seeks Council approval to fund twelve proposals recommended by the City of Portland Innovation Review Panel. The allocation of monies from the Special Appropriation fund to recipient bureaus will occur through the Spring Budget Monitoring Process, so there is no funding shifted due to this legislation.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

Resolution No. 37060, adopted by Council on March 12, 2014, established the City of Portland Innovation Fund to provide seed money for one-time investments to encourage new, creative ideas to reduce ongoing expenses, increase revenues, create efficiencies, and provide improved services to the City's internal and external customers. The project proposals for more than \$10,000 recommended by the City of Portland Innovation Review Panel, were evaluated and selected based on their ability to pass the following filters:

1. Do you think the proposal is innovative? Is it original? Does it show strategic creativity?
2. Taking other funding sources into consideration, such as the sponsor bureau's operating budget, is the Innovation fund the most logical funding source for this particular proposal?
3. Can this project be carried out? Do you believe that the proposed project can be achieved within the estimated budget provided?
4. Are the key partners confirmed to be onboard with the effort?
5. Are there benefits to the proposed project? Does it advance equity? Does it provide opportunity? Is there potential for greater benefits with broader applications?

The potential outcomes of the projects recommended are focused on improving City services for the community, and/or efficiencies within the City to improve service and/or create savings. The City employees that proposed projects over \$10,000 were asked to specifically address equity

and opportunity in the detailed project proposal form required for those projects invited to move to the second round of evaluation. Specifically, each proposer was asked to address the following:

- Who would benefit from the project outcome?
- Who might be burdened?
- How does this project make Portland, and/or the City organization, better?
- Does it create efficiencies?

The City of Portland Innovation Review Panel is comprised of distinguished community members and City of Portland representatives. The panel is in support of this legislation.

The Office of Management and Finance will be inviting some City employees whose projects are recommended by the City of Portland Innovation Review Panel for funding to testify regarding their proposed projects.

**Budgetary Impact Worksheet****Does this action change appropriations?**☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.☒ **NO:** Skip this section

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