

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: * Authorize a grant agreement with Janus Youth Programs, Inc. for \$15,000 to support 1 FTE Outreach Specialist, to continue day time outreach throughout the city and ongoing training and coaching of volunteers (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

Since 1994 the Janus Youth Yellow Brick Road Program (YBR) has been consistently funded via three year grants provided by the Family & Youth Services Bureau (FYSB). Due to what was essentially a clerical oversight, the Portland YBR grant was not reviewed by the Federal grant committee during the most recent RFP process, and Janus did not receive funding to continue programming beyond September 30, 2014. The program operates on an annual budget of \$100,000, however, Janus was able to offset some of that cost by leveraging other Janus Youth funding toward the supervision of the program. The remaining shortfall was \$60,000, much of which has been recovered through the generous support of the Downtown Business Alliance. The \$15,000 from the Portland Police Bureau would be leveraged toward one Outreach Specialist position so that daytime outreach can continue through the year until YBR can re-apply for the FYSB Street Outreach Program grant in 2015.

The \$15,000 would directly support the ongoing street outreach that YBR has consistently provided since its inception in 1984. The infrastructure already exists (van, building, bags, supervision, etc.), so this funding directly supports 1 FTE and eliminates the need for layoffs.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

This is a new one-time grant agreement for \$15,000 from existing FY 2014-15 Portland Police Bureau General Fund discretionary appropriations.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The primary goal of YBR is to engage vulnerable homeless and runaway youth (15-24) wherever they may congregate in an effort to build positive relationships and encourage youth to participate in services to assist their transition toward healthier and more productive lives. This mission is more time and labor intensive than might be expected due to the mistrust of adults experienced by many youth living outdoors. YBR teams are trained to provide ongoing support and a consistent presence on the streets in an effort to break down existing stereotypes between street-affected youth and the broader community in which they live. Additionally, Janus YBR's staff operates a van to support outreach throughout Multnomah County and respond to calls from citizens, partners and stakeholders to engage homeless youth on the streets.

The \$15,000 will be used to directly support one Outreach Specialist position, which allows YBR to continue day time outreach throughout the city and ongoing training and coaching of its volunteers.

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