

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: * Authorize application to the Department of Homeland Security, through its Federal Emergency Management Agency for a grant in the amount of \$100,000 for a smoke alarm/carbon monoxide detector awareness campaign and the purchase of smoke alarm/carbon monoxide detectors for the hearing impaired community. (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The purpose of this legislation is to authorize a grant application to the Department of Homeland Security, through FEMA, to pay for a public outreach campaign for the hearing impaired community regarding smoke alarms/carbon monoxide (CO) detectors.

- There are nearly 29,000 hearing impaired people in Multnomah County. Traditional smoke alarms/CO detectors may not be effective for the hearing impaired community
- If Portland Fire & Rescue receives this grant it will fund the outreach campaign and purchase smoke alarm/CO detectors for the hearing impaired community.
- This supports the City's Emergency Preparedness policies.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

- This is a grant application and has no direct financial or budgetary impact. If PF&R receives the award there will be a \$5,000 match which will be paid from the PF&R Public Education and Outreach budget.
- Maintenance of effort requirement: An applicant seeking an Assistance to Firefighters Grant shall agree to maintain during the term of the grant the applicant's aggregate expenditures relating to the allowable activity at not less than 80 percent of the average amount of such expenditures in the two fiscal years preceding the fiscal year in which the grant amounts are received.

Community impacts and community involvement:

- This is a grant application, therefore there has been no community involvement. However, should PF&R receive the grant award the information contained in the outreach campaign has the potential to reach the entire metropolitan area, and beyond, that these detectors are available to the hearing impaired community. Anyone from this area that sees the outreach campaign could share this information with family and friends living elsewhere.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- ☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.
- ☐ **NO:** Skip this section