

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro to accept an additional \$80,000 for administration of the City Master Recycler Program in Fiscal Years 2015-2017 (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30003529)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The purpose is to accept a two-year intergovernmental grant of \$80,000 from Metro Regional Government for the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to continue to implement the Master Recycler Program for FY 2015-2017.

Background:

- Metro has notified the City of Portland that it will award a two-year grant of \$80,000 for the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to continue to implement the Master Recycler Program for FY 2015-2017.
- Since 2003, Metro has provided the City annual and then biannual grants to administer the Master Recycler Program, which provides an eight-week training course for adults on the solid waste and recycling system. Participants pay back their training by educating others in the community – either by doing special projects or interacting with the public at events, thereby multiplying the program's efforts.
- By Resolution 36423 on June 28, 2006, Portland City Council adopted goals for a sustainable solid waste and recycling system to:
 - Promote sustainability of the solid waste and recycling system that includes maximum efficiency, equity and economic vitality, improved worker safety and reduced environmental and human health impacts over the entire life cycle of the materials, and
 - Minimize the impact of harmful wastes by targeting toxicity and reducing greenhouse gases emissions, and
 - Reduce per capita waste generation below 2005 levels by the year 2015, and
 - Maximize recovery of all waste with a target of 75% by the year 2015 and promote highest value use of recovered materials.
- The City's Master Recycler program continues to provide education and outreach to increase public awareness and inspire activities that lead to improved recycling rates in the city. During FY 2013-2015, 147 people completed the Master Recycler Program training and Master Recycler volunteers contributed over 6000 hours of waste reduction education and outreach in the Portland Metro area.
- This does not change City Policy.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

- Funds are included in the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability FY 2015-16 Budget and will be appropriated for FY 2016-17 so long as Metro is able to continue funding.
- The City's match is \$40,000 each fiscal year from the Solid Waste Management Fund. The FY 2015-2016 match is budgeted in the cost center PNSD000006.
- The legislation does not authorize additional spending on new or existing programing.
- There are no changes to staff time or positions with this legislation.
- The legislation will result in an amended IGA with Metro.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The City's Master Recycler Program exists to meet longstanding goals to reduce waste and increase recycling rates in the City. The City asserts there are significant economic, social and environmental benefits associated with greater recovery and waste prevention including energy savings, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, air quality improvements, resource conservation, job grown and economic development opportunities.

Metro's ongoing grants, along with contributions from Washington and Clackamas Counties, help fund the Master Recycler Program and the City administers to provide education and outreach to participants to increase public awareness and activities on solid waste and recycling. The program provides an eight-week course for adults on waste and recycling. Participants then educate others in the community either by doing special projects or interacting with the public at events, thereby multiplying the program's efforts. In the last 2- year fiscal period 157 people participated in the training.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet**Does this action change appropriations?**

☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.

☒ **NO:** Skip this section. The 2015-16 funding is included in the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability FY 2015-16 Requested Budget.

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