

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** Authorize grant agreement awarding up to \$73,000 in FY 15/16 to Southwest Neighborhoods Inc. (SWNI) to provide outreach, technical assistance and community involvement for watershed projects in Fanno and Willamette watersheds. (Ordinance)

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

SW Neighborhoods Inc. has been providing technical assistance and outreach services for watershed programs and projects through the SW Watershed Resource Center since 2000. The work addresses elements in the Portland Watershed Management Plan and helps the City meet its obligations under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater permit for the Fanno and SW Willamette Watersheds and can be categorized as follows:

- Natural Systems: Protect and enhance natural areas and vegetation that help prevent pollutants from entering into the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4).
- Public Involvement: Implement public information, education, involvement, and stewardship activities that will raise awareness, foster community stewardship, and promote pollution prevention and stormwater management.

The scope of work of this agreement includes efficient tracking of program outcomes for regulatory reporting and grant-writing to leverage funds from multiple sources. Further, it allows for cost effective on-the-ground community watershed health projects on private and public properties. This ordinance approves a continuation of this successful partnership which, at the request of Commissioner Fish's Office, underwent a funding analysis in fall 2014. The result of that analysis was a renewed commitment to provide support for watershed projects through the Watershed Resource Center at SWNI.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

The project is in the BES operating budget and is described in the attached grant agreement, scope of work and budget. Maximum total costs for Fiscal Year 2015/16 are \$73,000. Of that, up to \$36,500 will be allocated through the Fanno/Tryon budget (Cost Object ESWS000009) and up to \$36,500 will be allocated through the Willamette budget (Cost Object ESWS000006).

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

The community is positively impacted by this item in that it places a resource person in the neighborhood office in an area with multiple stormwater issues such as steep slopes; open, eroded, and mostly privately-owned drainage ways; and an incomplete City stormwater system. The staff provides technical assistance, grant writing and grant management to community-led projects such as drainage improvements, stream enhancements and other local watershed actions.

Partner groups for the upcoming year include: West Willamette Restoration Partnership, Columbia Land Trust, Oregon Health & Sciences University, Friends of Marquam Nature Park, Friends of Terwilliger Parkway, West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, Green Girl Land Development Services, Friends of April Hill Park, Maplewood Neighborhood Association, Tualatin River Watershed Council, SW Residential League, Metro Capital Grants, Rieke Elementary, Hillsdale Community Church, Greater Portland Bible Church,

Sunstone Montessori, African Youth and Community Organization, Friends of Gabriel Park, and Portland Parks & Recreation.

SWNI is currently undergoing an equity analysis with the Intertwine Alliance and will be using that process to make changes for more inclusion from underrepresented groups in all SWNI work including the SW Watershed Resource Center.

### 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