

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Authorize \$1,618,079 for grant agreements to be divided among the five non-profit neighborhood District Coalitions to support Neighborhood Associations and community engagement activities from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020. (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

For forty years, the City of Portland has supported community engagement and civic capacity building in the community through annual grants to Portland's neighborhood District Coalitions. ONI's grant agreements with the District Coalitions requires them to work with the community to develop an Annual Plan and to provide leadership training and support Neighborhood Associations, diverse community involvement, and community engagement activities in their districts. These grants are a vital element of Portland's nationally and internationally recognized community and neighborhood involvement system.

ONI staff worked with neighborhood District Coalition staff and leaders over the past year to negotiate a common grant agreement that will apply to the next five years (2015 -2020). This agreement replaces the previous five-year grant agreement which expired this year.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The City Council approved the ONI budget for FY 15-16, which includes the funding for these grant agreements. These grants agreements are part of ONI's ongoing funded programs and will not require any changes in ONI future funding, staffing levels, or financial obligations. Funding for the future years of the agreements will be dependent on City Council's overall funding for ONI.

Community impacts and community involvement:

These grant agreements support civic engagement services to Portland's 95 Neighborhood Associations, diverse communities, and Portlanders across the city.

ONI staff worked collaboratively with neighborhood District Coalition staff and board leaders over the past year (primarily through the monthly meetings of the Neighborhood District Coalition Directors and Chairs group) to come to agreement on the common content of these grant agreements. A major focus of this effort was to more clearly describe the activities required and to identify clear minimum deliverables. The boards of directors of the non-profit neighborhood District Coalitions have reviewed and approved these grant agreements.

No testimony is anticipated. This item will be on the City Council consent agenda.

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