

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Authorize grant agreement totaling \$12,527 for Neighborhood Small Grants within the target area of North Portland Neighborhood Services. (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The Neighborhood Small Grants Program provides neighborhood and community organizations an opportunity to expand their community-building capacity, attract new and diverse members and sustain those already involved. The grants have been a significant contributor towards improving the performance of the District Coalitions meetings ONI's goal to increase the number and diversity of people who are involved and volunteer in their communities and neighborhoods. Kenton Action Plan, dba North Portland Community Works, is a nonprofit organization working in collaboration with North Portland Neighborhood Services, the District Coalition office funded by ONI, to distribute small grants and provide civic engagement services within the target area of North Portland Neighborhood Services.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The neighborhood small grants program has been adopted as part of the FY 15 Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) budget and is funded with a total of \$100,001 through City General Fund dollars. \$12,527 is allocated for neighborhood small grants within the target area of North Portland Neighborhood Services.

Community impacts and community involvement:

In addition to what's described in the purpose section, there is significant community involvement in the program. The goals of this grant program include building strong and diverse community participation, leadership, and community connections. ONI works closely with each neighborhood District Coalition to develop the criteria and marketing efforts for the program. Each District Coalition organizes a grant making committee made up of both neighborhood and a diverse range of community-based organization leaders. Historically about 50% of the grants are distributed to neighborhood/geographically-based organizations, 40% go to historically underrepresented youth, people of color, immigrants and refugees, low-income and disability organizations, and the remaining 10% to a wide range of other categories. Grants typically range from \$500 to \$3,000, mostly for volunteer-led community building projects.

Neighborhood 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