

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** Authorize grant agreements or intergovernmental agreements with thirteen community groups related to the Community Watershed Stewardship Program up to \$100,000 total. (Ordinance)

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

For twenty years, CWSP grants continue to support community-initiated watershed stewardship activities. The community will be positively impacted by this item in part because the activity and project ideas come from, and are desired by, the community. Along with stormwater management results which provide direct environmental benefits and cost savings, projects also build skills, educate citizens, and beautify neighborhoods. Direct watershed health benefits include removal of invasive plants, habitat restoration, erosion control, tree planting and protection, removal of impervious surfaces, soil improvements which reduce stormwater runoff, and planting native vegetation. These grants also strengthen community ties through cooperative programs and volunteer participation, which draw diverse groups together for joint activities and common goals.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

The thirteen projects will each include a grant agreement or intergovernmental agreement not to exceed \$100,000 total. The program is staffed by students from PSU for whom BES and PSU commit to via intergovernmental agreements.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

1. Depave Saints Peter & Paul Episcopal Church (\$10,000) – will depave 800 square feet of parking lot, add a rain garden, install native plants and work with church leaders, neighbors and English and Spanish speaking congregation members along SE 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.
2. Dharma Rain Zen Center Siskiyou Community Garden (\$7,448) – Dharma Rain will work with Madison High School, Groundwork Portland and neighbors to continue the redevelopment of a brownfield into a native plant pollinator and food garden.
3. Linnton Neighborhood Association Restoration (\$6,200) – will continue to partner with Parks and the neighborhood on a successful restoration, outreach and pollution reduction (dog waste) project for Linnton Creek in Forest Park.
4. Columbia Slough Watershed Council (CSWC) Youth Leadership in Restoration (\$8,600) – CSWC will engage youth leaders from the Multnomah Youth Cooperative and students from North Portland schools to restore 3 acres along the Columbia Slough.
5. Habitat for Humanity Cully Rain Gardens in the Home and on the Street (\$9,940) – Habitat for Humanity will partner with Verde and Our 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Prosperity Initiative to identify low income homeowners with stormwater problems and one public space to build raingardens and provide leadership opportunities for youth.
6. Zomi Community Youth Garden and Watershed Project (\$6,000) – Zomi and Burmese refugees, including youth and children, will have opportunities to learn about the Columbia Slough and to work on hands-on gardening projects.
7. Friends of Tryon Creek Environmental Education for All (\$8,700) – The Friends will engage Markham Elementary's SUN after-school program and the REACH Youth\$ave Program in environmental education and restoration activities.
8. Southwest Neighborhoods (SWNI) African Youth Community Organization (AYCO) Watershed Team (\$6,000) – AYCO and SWNI continue their successful pilot partnership to provide opportunities for youth in watershed restoration by partnering with Portland Parks, West Multnomah SWCD and Tryon Creek Watershed Council.

9. Lents Springwater Habitat Restoration Project (\$9,875) – Elementary students from Lents and youth mentors from Project YESS will continue to partner with Portland Parks on restoration and clean-up activities along the Springwater Trail.
10. Oregon Bhutanese Community Organization Community Garden (\$6,000) – the Bhutanese Community will engage seniors and youth to work in community garden and provide youth leadership opportunities.
11. Rose CDC Lents Youth Initiative (\$9,885) – Rose Community Development, Green Lents and OPAL will hire two Environmental Stewardship Interns to lead Community Improvement Projects such as building a bioswale project and participating in monitoring and data collection in Green Lent's watershed heath projects.
12. Portland Youth Builders (PYB) Educational Eco Roof (\$5,352) – Students at PYB will reduce pollution and runoff by constructing an ecoroof over a dumpster at their school site along SW 92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.
13. Iraqi Society of Oregon Mesopotamians on the Banks of the Willamette (\$6,000) - The Iraqi Society will partner with the Columbia Slough Watershed Council to provide education through water quality monitoring, restoration projects and a canoe paddling experience.

# Budgetary Impact Worksheet

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Does this action change appropriations?

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