

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: * Amend the subrecipient contract with Proud Ground to add an amount up to \$446,035 in Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The Portland Housing Bureau (PHB) is seeking authority for the PHB Director to execute a fourth amendment to contract #32000848 with Proud Ground, to add more Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds in an amount up to \$446,305 to increase permanently affordable housing options for low-income households in the city of Portland. Proud Ground will purchase, rehabilitate, and sell 13 vacant foreclosed (or short sale) homes in the state-designated NSP3 target area (within Lents URA).

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The amount of program income resources (\$446,035) being added to the contract will exist upon Adoption of the FY 2015-16 Annual Budget

Community impacts and community involvement:

The benefit to the community results from increased property values in the immediate vicinity of the homes, reduced opportunity for vandalism and crime, and a strengthening of the community as vacant foreclosed homes are sold and occupied by new homeowners.

Beginning shortly after the federal funding award to the state was announced in the fall of 2008, PHB's predecessor BHCD (Bureau of Housing and Community Development) began working with a variety of community partner organizations to plan the implementation of the NSP program. These organizations included:

- Oregon Opportunity Network
- African American Alliance for Homeownership
- Habitat for Humanity
- Hacienda Community Development Corporation
- HOST
- NAYA Family Center (Native American Youth And Family Center)
- Portland Community Reinvestment Initiative
- Portland Housing Center
- Proud Ground
- ROSE Community Development Corporation

Various meetings with individual organizations as well as groups of our community partners continued throughout 2009.

In 2010, at a meeting with a wide array of community partners, PHB invited input on a proposed RFP (Request For Proposals) for the first round of NSP funding. After a 3 month process PHB

awarded funds for an acquisition and rehab project to a coalition of Proud Ground and NAYA Family Center, (as well as monies for a redevelopment project to Habitat for Humanity).

In September 2011 the Portland City Council accepted and appropriated a grant for another round of NSP funding (NSP3). Based upon PHB's priority of creating permanently affordable housing, a priority set in response to extensive community feedback, PHB solicited proposals from its stakeholders to provide permanently affordable homeownership. PHB awarded the funds to the only organizations that submitted a proposal, a coalition of Proud Ground and NAYA Family Center (Native American Youth and Family Center). (This coalition had already successfully completed on time the majority of their NSP1 project.) As before, these partner organizations will target outreach to historically underserved populations to help PHB meet its equity goals.

In addition to the steps mentioned above, PHB has sought extensive public involvement in the development of its Five Year Consolidated Plan and its Annual Action Plan that includes homebuyer services.

Public involvement helped shape PHB's strategic plan which created the PHB priority of permanently affordable housing, and shaped program guidelines, specifically the emphasis on low-income households and targeting outreach to historically underserved populations.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

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