

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** \* Authorize application to Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for a grant in the amount of \$50,000 for funding the existing Deconstruction Grant Program managed by the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. (Ordinance)

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

- The proposed legislation would authorize the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to apply for grant funding offered by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).
- City Council authorized the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to establish a Deconstruction Grant Program on June 3, 2015
- Grant funding received would supplement the existing Deconstruction Grant Program.
- The proposed legislation supports goals, policies, and actions associated with the Climate Action Plan Update, the Comprehensive Plan Update, and the Portland Recycles! Plan.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

- This action would provide supplemental funds to the existing Deconstruction Grant Program.
- The Program currently has funding from the Solid Waste Management Fund Reserves in the amount of \$50,000.
- An additional \$50,000 would be requested from the DEQ.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

- The elements of the existing Deconstruction Grant Program were vetted in numerous meetings involving the Deconstruction Advisory Group (DAG). DAG is comprised of representatives from the development community, neighborhoods, historic preservation community and salvage industry experts. The current program is a result of input from these stakeholders and the interests they represent.
- Local businesses that choose deconstruction as an alternative to mechanical demolition are eligible to receive grant funds.
- Local small businesses that would apply for grant funds include home builders, excavation contractors, and deconstruction firms (for- and non-profit).
- The local salvage industry supports entry level construction jobs (6 deconstruction jobs for every one associated with demolition).
- Local salvage non-profits support community development efforts for low-income residents and communities of color. Additionally the materials supplied from deconstruction projects are often sold well below retail prices, enabling the purchase of quality used building materials at affordable prices.
- Deconstruction activity creates less harmful dust than mechanical demolition, thereby reducing the likelihood of airborne hazardous materials leaving the site.
- Testimony regarding the request to apply for DEQ grant funds is not expected.

**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