

**IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Legislation title:** Authorize a grant agreement with Friends of Zenger Farm to support their Nutrition Education and Food Access Project in the amount of \$30,000 (Ordinance)

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

The purpose of this funding is to: support Friends of Zenger Farm's Nutrition and Food Access Project.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

This ordinance will authorize \$30,000 in one-time grant funds from the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability FY 2015/16 Adopted Budget, cost center PNSD000002 to the nonprofit Friends of Zenger Farm.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

Zenger Farm is located in outer East Portland and its programs serve an ethnically diverse and economically disadvantaged population in the adjacent, underserved areas of Lents and Powellhurst-Gilbert. The neighborhoods are afflicted with poverty rates that approach 30 percent and students in local schools qualify for free or reduced school meals at a rate exceeding 80 percent.

Zenger Farm is near the state's refugee intake center and approximately 40 different languages are spoken in the neighborhood. One-quarter of the residents of outer Southeast Portland do not speak English as their primary language, and one-third self-identify as being something other than "White."

Zenger Farm models, promotes and educates about sustainable food systems, environmental stewardship, community development and access to good food for all. Their program also supports local business and economic development through its support of a farmer training program, operation of a commissary kitchen, and the Lents International Farmers Market.

**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