

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** Authorize \$48,503 total in grant agreements for the Office of Neighborhood Involvement East Portland Action Plan 2016 Civic Engagement Grant agreements. (Ordinance)

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

East Portland Action Plan (EPAP) is requesting authorization to release recommended grant funds.

The fiscal year 2015-16 City budget allocated \$300,000 to be used for EPAP implementation.

At the June 29, 2015 EPAP Operations Committee meeting a FY 2015-16 budget proposal was recommended and approved by full consensus at the July 22, 2015 general EPAP meeting. Included in this budget allocation was at least \$138,000 to be applied toward EPAP Civic Engagement Grants, General Grants, and Municipal Partnership Projects.

The Civic Engagement Grant process received 16 grant applications for a total request of \$109,753. In accordance with the direction and final criteria set by the EPAP Civic Engagement Subcommittee on April 21, 2015 and with selection by the EPAP Grants Review Committee on October 19, 2015, eight (8) projects were recommended for a total of \$48,503 that were approved by full consensus at the December 2, 2015 EPAP general meeting.

- A. In addition to requiring that the projects happen within the East Portland Neighborhood Office boundaries and predominantly serve residents and businesses within those boundaries, and address a City of Portland adopted Action Plan strategy or item, the EPAP Civic Engagement Subcommittee, established the following criteria: Experience with under supported race and ethnic culturally specific communities with language appropriate communication; Experience organizing community activities; Experience doing community involvement underrepresented cultural specific populations with language appropriate communication; Community building project that leads to more community involvement; Number of people to be directly involved in the project, the amount of project time spent with them, and description of engagement; Emerging organization with ten (10 or fewer employees and/or \$250,000 or less operating budget; Ability to link to the existing services in the community tailored to the needs of under support race and ethnic culturally specific communities with language specific communications; Promotion of health

and well-being of families, children, individuals, and communities; Involvement between multiple partners; and an Explanation of how the budget will support the project activities, including sources and use of matching and leveraged funds and donated hours and resources.

These projects directly adhere to the commitment that the City of Portland has made to Equity.

The East Portland Action Plan and Office of Neighborhood Involvement have evaluated the proposals and grant paperwork and determined that the grantees are qualified to provide the services to be provided under the grant agreements. Therefore, ONI is requesting authorization to enter into grant agreements and release grant funds to the selected applicants.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

ONI's budget for FY2015 -16 included \$300,000 in funds for the East Portland Action Plan (EPAP). At least \$138,000.00 of the \$300,000 in funds has been allocated to fund EPAP grants and Municipal Partnership Projects. With this ordinance, we seek to commit \$48,503 for the eight (8) Civic Engagement Grant contracts/projects being recommended. This grant agreement does not exceed the funds available. No new revenue will be generated. This funding does not impact current or future staffing levels. There are no new or modifications to financial agreements.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

At the June 29, 2015 EPAP Operations Committee meeting a FY 2015-16 budget proposal including a recommendation for at least \$138,000 to be applied toward EPAP Civic Engagement Grants, General Grants, and Municipal Partnership Projects was unanimously recommended by 12 Operations Committee members reflecting the following participation from the following identity elements: Asian/Pacific Islander; business; youth, unemployed; underemployed; disabled/differently-abled/physically challenged; low-income; social service provider; community of faith; Native American, lesbian; public school; and senior/elder.

The Operations Committee brought the above budget proposal forward to the general EPAP and this was approved by full consensus at the July 22, 2015 general EPAP meeting. The 52 people in attendance at this meeting represented the following identity elements: under-employed (4); housing advocate (4); Neighborhood Association (7); Neighborhood Prosperity Initiative (2); small business (6); Slavic/Russian-speaking (2); Hispanic/Mexican American/Latina/o (5); transit equity (3); social service provider (7); public schools (5); low-income/unemployed (9); African American (4); lesbian (1); senior/elder (8); food justice (1); developmentally disabled (3); physically disabled/challenged (2); Asian/ Pacific Islander (2); community of faith (5); arts (1); City

employee (5); Iraqi (2); elected official or representative (3); Native American/Indian (1); transportation equity (2); youth/student (3), and Asian (1).

The EPAP Civic Engagement Subcommittee (established through EPAP to organize cultural and language specific civic engagement workshops, share curriculum, advocate for ongoing funding, and advise on East Portland cultural and language specific issues and projects), provided direction in the form of Civic Engagement Grant criteria that was set by full consensus at the EPAP Civic Engagement Subcommittee on April 21, 2015 (though it was considered in the three previous monthly meetings as well). The nine (9) people in attendance at the April 2015 meeting represented the following identity elements: Hispanic/Mexican American/Latina/o; Slavic/Russian-speaking; African American, Native American/ Indian; low-income; health advocates; community of faith; lesbian, social service provider; schools; small business; English as a Second language educator; and senior/elder.

In addition to requiring that the projects happen within the East Portland Neighborhood Office boundaries and predominantly serve residents and businesses within those boundaries, and address a City of Portland adopted Action Plan strategy or item, the EPAP Civic Engagement Subcommittee, established the following criteria: Experience with under supported race and ethnic culturally specific communities with language appropriate communication; Experience organizing community activities; Experience doing community involvement underrepresented cultural specific populations with language appropriate communication; Community building project that leads to more community involvement; Number of people to be directly involved in the project, the amount of project time spent with them, and description of engagement; Emerging organization with ten (10 or fewer employees and/or \$250,000 or less operating budget; Ability to link to the existing services in the community tailored to the needs of under support race and ethnic culturally specific communities with language specific communications; Promotion of health and well-being of families, children, individuals, and communities; Involvement between multiple partners; and an Explanation of how the budget will support the project activities, including sources and use of matching and leveraged funds and donated hours and resources.

The Civic Engagement Grant process received 16 grant applications for a total request of \$109,753. EPAP Grants Review Committee (GRC) established a recommendation of eight (8) projects for a total of \$48,503 on October 19, 2015. The following community identity elements were represented by attending GRC members: small business; community of faith; African American; arts; Neighborhood Prosperity Initiative; City of Portland staff; unemployed; underemployed; Neighborhood Association; youth/student; and lesbian.

The above recommendation was approved by full consensus at the December 2, 2015 EPAP general meeting. The following community identity elements were represented by the 46 people attending the meeting: physically disabled/challenged (3); Neighborhood Association (5); developmentally disabled (1); Slavic/ Russian-speaking (3); City of Portland staff (5); public schools (4); under-employed (2); Lao (1); social service

provider (5); workforce provider (2); Neighborhood Prosperity Initiative (4); small business (3); low-income/unemployed (5); community of faith (1); Asian/Pacific Islander (1); food equity (1); senior/elder (7); housing activist (4); Hispanic/Mexican American/Latina/o (3); Black/African American (2); lesbian (1); gay (1); business (1); youth/student (8); elected official or representing staff (1); health equity (1); Asian (2); Bhutanese (1); and transportation equity (5).

**This legislation contributes to East Portland livability, displacement prevention and equity for the City of Portland as stipulated in the City adopted East Portland Action Plan:**

David Douglas School District's Parent Engagement Workshop Series actively involves 130 parents from 5 race and cultural specific communities with language-specific engagement to learn about School District policies, family activities, school curriculum, and resources. This supports these community members to be informed members of the community and addresses the following City adopted East Portland Action Plan strategies and items: L.7.1 and L.7.2.

East Portland Neighbors (EPN) - OneLife Portland, LLC's Raising The Level project provides eight weekly workshops for 15 – 20 Black youth ages 14 – 21 to build pride in Black culture, heritage, and identity while consciously building Black community identity and involvement in East Portland. Youth will be introduced to resources, organizations, and civic engagement opportunities in East Portland and encouraged to take an active role in their community. This addresses the following City adopted East Portland Action Plan strategies and items: L.3.2; CB.2.3; and CB.3.

East Portland Neighbors (EPN) - Oregon Bhutanese Community Organization's Bhutanese Community English as a Second Language (ESL) + Citizenship Guidance project provides thirty-five workshops for more than 15 people will start with ESL education and evolve into Citizenship test preparation, while addressing social justice consciousness issues that will lead to community involvement. Simultaneously, while in childcare during the workshops, more than 7 children will learn to speak and write Nepali. This addresses the following City adopted East Portland Action Plan strategies and items: CB.2 and CB.6.2.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) - SOAR Immigration Legal Services Program's New Americans Initiative - East Portland project provides ten weekly Citizenship classes for 8 Russian-speaking immigrants. Classes will address civic engagement, free legal services will be made available, and a free Voter Education class will be offered when participants pass their Citizenship Examination. Graduates will be encouraged to be involved in the future as recruiters, presenters, and teachers. This addresses the following City adopted East Portland Action Plan strategy: CB.2.3.

Faith Baptist Church - Russian Speaking Network's project provides Crime Prevention Begins at Home with three half-day workshops to be held for 20 adult Russian-language East Portland community members to address: Crime Identification and Reporting;

Understanding Measure 11; Communicating with Police, Children and Families; Child Abuse Laws and Regulations and Innocent Images (FBI); Connecting with Children; Domestic Violence and Resource; and Civic Engagement. This addresses the following City adopted East Portland Action Plan strategies and items: CB.2.3 and PS.1 - 3.

Parkrose Heights Association of Neighbors' Plan and Design Native American Elder/Council Ring at Hazelwood Hydropark organizes Native American East Portland community members to design an Elder/Council Ring sacred space for Hazelwood Hydropark and be encouraged to take leadership with the 'Friends of Hazelwood Hydropark' organization. This addresses the following City adopted East Portland Action Plan strategies and items: CB.1.2; CB.6.2; and P.2.1.

Rosewood Initiative - Noreste Enterprises, LLC's Latina Empowerment Project provides eight Latinas with the opportunity to attend twelve monthly resource and training workshops meant to empower women escaping domestic violence to take the next steps toward education, employment, and economic self-sufficiency. The workshops will meet with women in crisis and will integrate their cultural values: strong and educated women create strong cultures and communities. Volunteers will learn social media skills used to promote the sessions and relevant community events. This addresses the following City adopted East Portland Action Plan strategies and items: PS.1.2 and CB.6.2.

Slavic Community Center of NW's Slavic Community Election and Involvement Workshops will organize Russian-Ukrainian speaking Americans living in East Portland will attend six workshops/events. Workshops will address: What is democracy? and Rights and duties of a citizen. Events will be held to meet with elected officials and there will be an Election Night party. This addresses the following City adopted East Portland Action Plan strategies and items: CB.2.2; CB.2.3; and CB.2.4.

We are unaware of any objection to the recommended projects, except for the regret that there was not more money to fund additional projects to benefit East Portland through this grant opportunity.

### Budgetary Impact Worksheet

#### Does this action change appropriations?

☐ YES: Please complete the information below.

☒ NO: Skip this section

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