

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Authorize grant agreement totaling \$12,527 for Neighborhood Small Grants within the target area of North Portland Neighborhood Services. (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The Neighborhood Small Grants Program provides neighborhood and community organizations an opportunity to expand their community-building capacity, attract new and diverse members and sustain those already involved. The goals of this grant program include building strong and diverse community participation, leadership, and community connections. The grants have enabled neighborhood district coalitions significantly to improve their ability to meet ONI's goal to increase the number and diversity of people who are involved and volunteer in their communities and neighborhoods. Kenton Action Plan, dba North Portland Community Works, is a nonprofit organization that works in collaboration with North Portland Neighborhood Services, the District Coalition office funded by ONI, to distribute small grants and provide civic engagement services within the target area of North Portland Neighborhood Services.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The neighborhood small grants program has been adopted as part of the FY 15-16 Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) budget and is funded with a total of \$100,000 through City General Fund dollars. Of the program's total funding, \$12,527 is allocated for neighborhood small grants within the North Portland Neighborhood Services target area.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The Neighborhood Small Grants Program first was funded in 2007 and, since then, has engaged numerous neighborhood and community organizations and thousands of community members in hundreds of neighborhood and community projects. ONI's annual budget request for the grant program is developed by the ONI Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) with significant community involvement. ONI works closely with each neighborhood District Coalition to review and update the program's criteria and to reach out to the community to publicize the program. Each District Coalition organizes a grant making committee of neighborhood leaders and a diverse range of community-based organization leaders that reviews grant applications and recommends grant projects to fund. Historically about 50% of the grants are distributed to neighborhood/geographically-based organizations, 40% go to historically underrepresented youth, people of color, immigrants and refugees, low-income and disability organizations, and the remaining 10% to a wide range of other categories. Grants typically range from \$500 to \$3,000, mostly for volunteer-led community building projects.

Neighborhood 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