

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** \*Execute grant agreements with the Oregon Office of Emergency Management for a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant (PDM Grant) in the amount of \$526,256.58 for the City of Portland Residential Seismic Strengthening Project and Clean Energy Works, Inc. (Ordinance).

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

Discuss why the legislation is being proposed and any important background information.

- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has presented a Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant which can be applied to residential seismic strengthening for Portland homeowners.
- The City of Portland is vulnerable to earthquakes and many homes are not seismically reinforced, seismically strengthening homes will reduce damage and injury in the case of an earthquake.
- The PDM grant will reimburse up to 300 homeowners' partial costs to seismically strengthen their homes.
- In order to maximize the number of homeowners who can benefit from this grant, homeowners will be requested to pay up to 50% of the costs to seismically strengthen their homes.
- Clean Energy Works, Inc. (doing business as Enhabit) will act as project manager for this grant
- The acceptance of this grant followed the successful implementation of the 2014 City of Portland Homeowner Seismic Retrofit Demonstration Project pilot program.
- Execution of the agreements allows the City to implement the program using the grant funds.

### **Financial and budgetary impacts:**

Discuss the impacts of the legislation relating to all of the following if relevant:

- This grant will increase the City's appropriation by \$526,256.58. The funds would be appropriated in the FY 15-16 budget.
- The \$526,256.58 provided by the PDM grant is a not to exceed amount.
- This legislation does not create, eliminate or re-classify positions, now or in the future.
- Financial agreements will be in the form of a contract with Clean Energy Works, Inc. (doing business as Enhabit).

### **Community impacts and community involvement:**

Discuss the impacts of the legislation relating to all of the following if relevant. Describe who is impacted, how they are impacted, how any negative impacts have been addressed, and how the benefits are distributed. Describe how public involvement and input shaped the bureau's recommended action.

- **Different communities of people** - this grant will provide funds to Portland homeowners to seismically strengthen their homes. Qualifying homes were sorted into two groups, one above \$176,000 sq. foot (median home value), and one below; seventy five homes from each group were chosen via lottery.
- **Geographic area** - this program is available to residents in the City of Portland
- **Businesses** - the PDM grant is intended for homes and homeowners, impact on businesses will be minimal.
- **City livability** - by increasing the seismic resilience of Portland homes, the City will be preserving life and property in the event of an earthquake.
- **Summarize significant objections/concerns and support/agreement** - no significant concerns have been identified. Increased community awareness of Portland's seismic risk indicates significant community support.
- **Describe how the bureau responded to or incorporated the concerns into the proposed legislation** - no concerns were identified. Interest and support has been indicated by phone calls to the bureau regarding the program and how to apply.
- **Indicate who/which groups will be testifying** - Director Carmen Merlo will present and testify.

### 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