



187827

Office of Mayor Charlie Hales  
City of Portland

Proposed Amendment

DATE: June 14, 2016  
TO: City Council  
FROM: Mayor Charlie Hales  
SUBJECT: Proposed amendments for Item 684

Amend a grant agreement with Central City Concern to extend for four years at a not to exceed amount of \$8,522,821 to provide services through the CHIERS van and Sobering Station

---

The Mayor's Office proposes the following amendment:

- **Add an emergency clause**

Section 2. The Council declares that an emergency exists because the City needs to act promptly to ensure continuity of this program. Therefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

Sincerely,

Charlie Hales  
Mayor of Portland

**IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Legislation title:** Amend a grant agreement with Central City Concern to extend for four years at a not to exceed amount of \$8,522,821 to provide services through the CHIERS van and Sobering Station (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 32001249)

**Contact name:** Aubrey Lindstrom

**Contact phone:** 503-823-0364

**Presenter name:** Cmdr. Westbrook

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

The purpose is to fund a detoxification center and roving response van. The outreach and sobering programs provided by the Sobering Station and CHIERS van perform a significant public service, improve public safety, and keep Portland's vulnerable safe. This program saves lives by preventing death by alcohol withdrawal.

Portland Police bring intoxicated people to Hooper's Sobering Station to sober up rather than taking them to jail. This provides a safer and more appropriate environment than the county jail. Hooper's CHIERS roving response van assesses and transports alcoholics and addicts from the streets throughout the city.

The emergency medical technician on board the CHIERS van is well equipped to work with street alcoholics, substance abusers, and the mentally ill. This provides significant assistance to Portland Police. Under Oregon's civil hold rules, CHIERS staff is deputized to deliver these people to care.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

Funding is provided by an ongoing appropriation in the Police Bureau's Budget.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

The outreach and sobering programs provided by the Sobering Station and CHIERS van perform a significant public service, improve public safety, and keep Portland's vulnerable safe. This program saves lives by preventing death by alcohol withdrawal.

This service improves public safety and keeps Portland's vulnerable safe by providing intoxicated people with a place to get sober rather than taking them to jail.

**Budgetary Impact Worksheet****Does this action change appropriations?**

- ☐ YES: Please complete the information below.
- ☒ NO: Skip this section