

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** Authorize grant agreement awarding up to \$73,000 to FY 16/17 to Southwest Neighborhoods Inc. (SWNI) to provide outreach, technical assistance and community involvement for watershed projects in Southwest sub-watersheds. (Ordinance)

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

SW Neighborhoods Inc. has been providing technical assistance and outreach services for watershed programs and projects through the SW Watershed Resource Center since 1999. The work addresses elements in the Portland Watershed Management Plan (PWMP) and helps the City meet its obligations under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater permit for the Fanno and SW Willamette Watersheds and can be categorized as follows:

- Natural Systems: Protect and enhance natural areas and vegetation that help prevent pollutants from entering into the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4).
- Public Involvement: Implement public information, education, involvement, and stewardship activities that will raise awareness, foster community stewardship, and promote pollution prevention and stormwater management.

The scope of work of this agreement includes efficient tracking of program outcomes for regulatory reporting and grant-writing to leverage funds from multiple sources. Further, it allows for cost effective on-the-ground community watershed health projects on private and public properties. This ordinance approves a continuation of this successful partnership.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

The project is in the BES operating budget and is described in the attached grant agreement, scope of work and budget. Maximum total costs for Fiscal Year 2016/17 are \$73,000 to be allocated from the West Willamette Watershed budget; Cost Object ESWS000009.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

The community is positively impacted by this item in that it places a resource person in the neighborhood office in an area with multiple stormwater issues such as steep slopes; open, eroded, and mostly privately-owned drainage ways; and an incomplete City stormwater system. The staff member provides technical assistance, education/workshops, grant writing and grant management to community-led projects such as drainage improvements, erosion control, vegetation management, stream enhancements and other local watershed actions, stewardship activities and implementation of the Stephens Creek Stormwater System Plan (2013).

Partner groups for the upcoming year include: West Willamette Restoration Partnership, Columbia Land Trust, Oregon Health & Sciences University, Friends of Marquam Nature Park, Friends of Terwilliger Parkway, West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, Green Girl Land Development Services, Friends of April Hill Park, Maplewood Neighborhood Association, SW Residential League, Metro Capital Grants, Greater Portland Bible Church, Sunstone Montessori, African Youth and Community Organization, Stamberger Outreach Consulting, Conservation Educators NW, Slavin Court Home Forward, Wisdom of the Elders and Portland Parks & Recreation.

As part of achieving the bureau and the city's equity goals, this item will enable staff to participate as a member of SWNI's Equity & Inclusion Action Team in development of policy, an action plan and events. Staff will produce and submit a report to BES on planning recommendations to include elements related to the SW Watershed Resource Center.

### 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