

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** Authorize grant agreements or intergovernmental agreements with thirteen community groups and native plant mini grants related to the Community Watershed Stewardship Program up to \$100,000 total. (Ordinance)

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

For twenty years, CWSP grants have continued to support community-initiated watershed stewardship activities. The community will be positively impacted by this item in part because the activity and project ideas come from, and are desired by, the community. Along with stormwater management results which provide direct environmental benefits and cost savings, projects also build skills, educate citizens, and beautify neighborhoods. Direct watershed health benefits include removal of invasive plants, habitat restoration, erosion control, tree planting and protection, removal of impervious surfaces, soil improvements which reduce stormwater runoff, and planting native vegetation. These grants also strengthen community ties through cooperative programs and volunteer participation, which draw diverse groups together for joint activities and common goals.

The program supports not only BES watershed enhancement and stormwater management goals, but city-wide equity and inclusion goals.

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

The thirteen projects will each include a grant agreement or intergovernmental agreement not to exceed \$97,850 total. Native plant mini grants totally \$2,150 will be awarded in sums from \$50 to \$500 community projects throughout the planting season late fall 2016 to early spring 2017. The program is staffed by students from PSU for whom BES and PSU commit to via intergovernmental agreements.

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

Each project is evaluated based on community partnerships, watershed enhancement and equity. The thirteen projects selected engage a diverse group of Portlanders:

1. Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership - Vernon Elementary Stormwater Project (\$8,999)
2. Sabin Community Development - Youth Opportunities Program (\$6,000)
3. Depave - Greening Bridgeport United Church of Christ (\$10,000)
4. Bridger Parent Teacher Association - Bridger Rain Garden and Outdoor Classroom (\$6,870)
5. ROSE Community Development - Lents Youth Initiative Pollinator Habitat Enhancement (\$7,100)
6. PSU Indigenous Nations Studies/NAYA - Kah San Chako Haws First Foods Garden (\$10,000)
7. Johnson Creek Watershed Council - Johnson Creek Clean Up 2016 (\$5,500)
8. National Indian Parent Information Center / Johnson Creek Watershed Council- Native American Youth for the Environment (\$7,040)
9. Linnton Community Center - Shipping Container Ecoroof and Vertical Gardens (\$5,715)
10. Linnton Neighborhood Association / Neighbors West-Northwest- Kingsley Community Garden (\$7,000)
11. Tryon Creek Watershed Council - Watershed Restoration Mentors (\$10,000)
12. Mecha Statewide / Groundwork Portland - Latino Youth Stormwater Microfiltration Study (\$6,856)

13. City Repair - Pollinator Pathways (\$7,000)

**Budgetary Impact Worksheet****Does this action change appropriations?**☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.☒ **NO:** Skip this section

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund Center</b>	<b>Commitment Item</b>	<b>Functional Area</b>	<b>Funded Program</b>	<b>Grant</b>	<b>Sponsored Program</b>	<b>Amount</b>