

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: * Authorize grant agreement with the Latino Network, not to exceed amount of \$51,571.00, for the employ of one full time street level gang outreach worker to provide intervention services within the City of Portland. (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

- Since 2008 violence related to gang activity has continued to increase in the City of Portland, and it has become necessary to direct funds to provide street-level gang outreach services in the city.
- The City of Portland recognizes the need to address youth violence problems in a way that respects all members of the community, empowers the community to solve problems with assistance from the police if needed and uses comprehensive, best-practice solutions.
- The City, through the Office of Youth Violence Prevention (OYVP), manages and oversees the Street Level Gang Outreach Grant Program, established in 2009. The program is modeled after a nationally recognized best practice acknowledged by the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).
- The City Council in approved additional funding to be applied to new Street Level Gang Outreach Worker positions through the 2016 / 2017 FY budget. Through this funding the Office of Youth Violence Prevention seeks to increase culturally specific services to Portland's Latino population through the Street Level Gang Outreach Grant Program.
- Latino Network has been selected to receive funding for one full time employee to serve as a Street Level Gang Outreach Worker.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

- None.

Community impacts and community involvement:

- Expanding services currently available to Latino populations through the Street Level Gang Outreach Program. Portland Latino youth, families and community members will be available to receive additional intervention and or referral services provided through an additional culturally specific outreach worker.
- Due to the addition of an outreach worker employed by this culturally specific organization service capacity to the Latino community will be tremendously enhanced City wide. This will be possible due to referral service networking available through the Street Level Gang

Outreach Program, Multnomah County Community Healing Initiative Program and the Portland / Multnomah County Gang Impacted Family Team, all of which are connected in service relationship to Office of Youth Violence Prevention.

- City livability will be enhanced through the building of relationships with persons and programming within the community for the purposes of connecting gang members/associates and/or their families to educational, social, medical, employment-related services and other prosocial opportunities.
- This additional service position, based upon the increasing number of incidents of gang related violence, continues to fulfill the Mayor's Office of Youth Violence goal to prevent opportunities for violence to occur by connecting community and service providers serving at-risk youth and their families.

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