

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with the Portland Development Commission in support of the ongoing implementation of housing functions at the City of Portland Housing Bureau and economic opportunity functions at the Portland Development Commission (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The City of Portland consolidated the housing functions that existed at the City and PDC through Ordinance No. 182465 on January 7, 2009, and established the Portland Housing Bureau (PHB). The transition of housing functions to PHB from PDC and economic opportunity functions at PDC was implemented based upon Ordinance 183903 passed June 16, 2010, to better coordinate housing and economic opportunity activities in the City of Portland.

The IGA is necessary to carry out housing functions at PHB, and enable the PHB to receive reimbursement of TIF expenditures; to carry out economic opportunity activities at PDC and enable PDC to receive reimbursement of federal grant funded expenditures.

Three agreements are necessary for the continued implementation of the housing portion of PDC's urban renewal activities at PHB, the federal grant funded economic opportunity activities at PDC, and to spell out the rights and responsibilities for the respective parties. This ordinance will approve the IGA for the seventh year of this working arrangement.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The ordinance creates the mechanism by which TIF funds will flow through PDC to the City on a reimbursement basis, and by which federal grant funds will flow from PHB to PDC. This funding is reflected in the bureau's FY 2016-17 Adopted Budget.

Community impacts and community involvement:

PHB conducts a public process each spring as part of an annual Action Plan required by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding the use of grant funds, which includes the planned expenditure of economic opportunity grant funds covered by the IGA. The intergovernmental agreement is not controversial, and the process to develop them has been collaborative with PDC staff and legal and City staff and legal. PHB estimates that 85% of the approximately 1,600 clients served by economic opportunity programs funded through this IGA are in the 0-30% area median income (AMI) range. Approximately 15-25% of the housing units funded through this IGA are planned to serve residents in the 0-30% AMI range.