

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Authorize the Commissioner-in-Charge to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County to transfer daily administrative functions of the Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services from the City of Portland to Multnomah County, and to establish the financial structure that will allow both the City and the County to continue to contribute financially to the successful operation of the Gateway Center (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The purpose of the ordinance is to approve an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Portland and Multnomah County transferring administrative control of the Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services (Gateway Center) from the City to the County, while continuing the City's financial support for the Gateway Center. The Gateway Center serves as a central location to co-locate service providers to provide a wide variety of services and resources to survivors of domestic violence and their children. The staff at the Center use a survivor-driven service model, and recognizes that survivors are the experts in their own lives. More than half of protective orders heard and granted in Multnomah County Courts are filed at the Gateway Center with the assistance of Gateway Center staff. The Gateway Center is committed to partnering with public safety services to improve institutional supports for survivors of domestic violence, including safe, accessible protective order petitions and other legal services. By all accounts, the Gateway Center has helped countless survivors move past the events that brought them to the facility. Gateway Center staff and the agencies at the Center use a survivor-driven service model, and recognize that survivors are the experts in their own lives. They work to ensure that the services at the Center are closely integrated with the public safety system. Almost one in four referrals to the Center come from police officers.

The Gateway Center has been operating since 2009 under intergovernmental agreements between the City and County. The existing intergovernmental agreement between the City and County was set to expire this year, and both the City and County determined that the Gateway Center and its survivor-participants would benefit from centralizing its funding, oversight, administration and facilities and IT services under the County. The County already supports programs and departments providing complementary services and has expertise in administering programs that must comply with the same regulations as are applicable to the Center. City employees working at the Center will be transferred to the County as provided by state law under an Employee Transfer Agreement as part of the IGA. Merging the Center with the County's Department of Human Services will enable the Center and its partners to focus more fully on improving outcomes for survivors rather than on administration.

While the County has the expertise to help the Center continue its important work, it lacks a near to long term funding source that is sufficient to support the Center's operations at its current level. Recognizing this limitation, the City has agreed to continue funding the Center at its current funding level, with anticipated adjustments as needed. Accordingly, the City and County have established minimum financial support levels needed from the City for the continued success of the Center. The new IGA, attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit "A" sets forth the obligations of both the City and the County as the Gateway Center's administration is transferred from the City to the County.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

- Current Fiscal Year:
 - The IGA transfers the remaining unspent balance in the City's FY 2018-19 Gateway Center budget to Multnomah County. Please note this unspent balance now includes a \$25,000 allotment for administration costs that was approved in the FY 2018-19 Fall Supplemental Budget.
- For FY 2019-20, the City will transfer a total of \$943,415 plus inflation. The agreement calls for using the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), West Region-Size A. There is a 2% floor on the inflation each fiscal year. The \$943,415 breaks down as follows:
 - \$826,914 in ongoing funding that was already part of the City's annual Gateway Center budget
 - \$62,000 to fund an administrative support position. This position is currently being funded with one-time money and was anticipated to be a City budget add package in FY 2019-20.
 - \$54,501 for administrative services. This is a new City expense to pay for the administrative costs of housing the Gateway Center at Multnomah County.
- For FY 2020-21 and beyond, the agreement calls for the annual transfer amount to increase by CPI-U annually with the 2% floor.
- Please also note that this annual transfer will now occur within the City's Special Appropriations budget. The annual City support costs will no longer reside in the Commissioner of Public Affairs budget.

Community impacts and community involvement:

Passage of this IGA between Multnomah County and the City of Portland ensures that the Gateway Center remains open for at least the next five years. The Gateway Center strives to prevent and reduce the impact of intimate partner violence and its subsequent trauma by providing comprehensive, survivor-centered advocacy and services within a welcoming and culturally sensitive environment. The Gateway Center prioritizes survivors' safety, promote survivors' rights and support survivors' desires to be free from violence and abuse.

100% Renewable Goal:

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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