

**IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Legislation title:** \*Authorize \$75,000 total in grant funds for the Constructing Civic Dialogues Grant Program in the Office of Community & Civic Life (Ordinance)

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

- The Constructing Civic Dialogue Grants Program (“CCD”), passed in 2018, was an expansion and complement to the existing neighborhood mediation grant.
- After selecting five CCD grantees in 2018, Civic Life identified a gap in program services. Civic Life asked Portland United Against Hate (“PUAH”), an established community partner, to submit a grant application for FY 2019-20 to provide the needed services.
- PUAH’s application proposed to partner with five organizations to provide a series of workshops to help community members identify how hate violence affects civic engagement and learn how to build skills to respond to incidents of hate. Civic Life accepted PUAH’s grant application and recommended a grant award to its “Address and End Hate in Our Communities” workshop series.
- The purpose of this ordinance is to approve a new grant agreement to add PUAH as an additional grantee to the FY 2019-20 CCD grantee cohort.
- The CCD grant program meets the goals of the Office of Community & Civic Life by:
  - Building inclusive structures by expanding grantees to include a broader spectrum of approaches to constructive conflict, understanding different perspectives, and skill building;
  - Contributing to adaptive governance through the coordination of this program as a cohort of grant partners that come together to collaborate and reach shared goals;
  - Supporting fulfilled and empowered Portlanders by providing free facilitation, services, and skill building to an increased number and diversity of people in the City’s networks.
- This money comes from the Civic Life general fund allocation for mediation services.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

- There is no financial impact as a result of this council action. These grants are being apportioned through the already authorized dollars in the citywide mediation program.
- This does not change staffing levels at this time.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

The Constructing Civic Dialogues Grant Program emerged from public input from often marginalized communities that indicated they were not proportionally accessing or benefiting from the neighborhood mediation funding and have a need for similar services.

- Civic Life staff convened a strategy and feedback session with diverse community partners and potential partners to help define and scope the grant program before the call for applications was issued; 40 groups were invited, 19 groups attended.
- Civic Life staff used the information from this session to finalize the grant details and create the call for grant applications.
- Civic Life staff hosted two orientation sessions for potential grant applicants in wheelchair accessible locations with the offer of accommodations, one downtown and the other in East Portland.

**100% Renewable Goal:**

N/A

**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