# IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** Authorize one-year extensions for seven grant agreements with youth servicing organizations in support of the Teen Collaborative initiative, for an additional per grant increase of \$15,000 and a total increase of \$105,000 for the seven grants (Ordinance; amend Contract Nos. 32001978, 32001979, 32001980, 32001981, 32001982, 32001984, 32001985)

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## Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

Beginning in 2015, as part of an overall expansion of investment in Teen Programs, PP&R entered into grant agreements with seven youth-serving organizations to provide pro-social activities for atrisk youth in safe and supportive environments during out of school time.

As committed to in Ordinance 188969, PP&R has reviewed and improved the overall process of soliciting and awarding grants. On February 24, 2019 Portland Parks and Recreation conducted a Request for Funding Application Process (RFP) for the Teens Collaborative Initiative (TCI) partnership.

Portland Parks & Recreation entered into grant agreements with the seven youth-serving organizations who were selected through the RFP process. Each organization was granted \$40,00.00 per year over the two-year term. The following organizations are the grantees for the TCI grant FY 2019-21:

- Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA)
- Latino Network
- Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization (IRCO)
- Self Enhancement, Inc. (SEI)
- Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center (POIC)
- New Avenues for Youth DBA: SMYRC
- Elevate Oregon

The seven selected grantees provided culturally responsive programming to at-risk youth during out of school time. Grantees employed engagement strategies that allowed for youth to develop more positive interactions and activities that supported the following key areas; leadership and skill development, academic support and participating in an ongoing youth service learning community facilitated by Portland Parks and Recreation staff which supports program quality improvement and networking.

## Financial and budgetary impacts:

- 1. For Fiscal Year 2021-2022, the potential aggregate amount of grant funding that may be allocated to the seven organizations will not exceed \$735,000 in the aggregate, with each organization grant not to exceed \$105,000. Due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the grantees were unable to execute the grant obligations for the contract.
- 2. The availability of grant funds for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 will be determined during the later budget process. The organizations have been informed that continuation of any grant agreement funding that may be available would be subject to future City Council decisions.

## Community impacts and community involvement:

Beginning in 2015, PP&R has expanded its impact on serving teens through grants to partners including the Boys and Girls club, Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization (IRCO), Latino Network, Self Enhancement, Inc, Native American Youth Association, REAP, and Portland Opportunities Industrial Center (POIC). New grant proposals were solicited from these organizations in 2016, and two-year grants were awarded.

The impacts of the Request for Proposal process in 2019 has attracted a diverse pool of youth-service organizations that has provided culturally responsive programming to at-risk youth during out of school time. The Teen Collaborative Initiative promotes positive youth development, pro-social activities, and provides safe spaces and caring adults for our Teen population.

Through the funding of the Teen partnerships, Portland Parks and Recreation has increased access to our community centers for underrepresented communities who might not otherwise use them. Teen Initiative grantees have aligned their engagement strategies and shared best practices to improve program quality and services that support youth.

The proposed funding and extension of the TCI grants seeks to address disparities in minority and BIPOC employment where there is lower than average workforce participation. The additional funding for FY 2021-22 will provide seasonal employment to forty-five BIPOC and minority youth. The seven-youth serving culturally specific organizations and PP&R Teen Coordinators, will recommend and support the recruitment of 45 BIPOC youth (five youth each) for employment at Portland Parks and Recreation.

The additional funding allocation to the TCI partners would also support intentional outreach to BIPOC and immigrant youth. The seven youth service organizations will circulate Portland Parks and Recreation marketing materials and support families of youth with registration for summer camps, activities and youth centered programming and youth employment opportunities.

100% Renewable Goal:

#### **Budgetary Impact Worksheet**

#### Does this action change appropriations?

**YES**: Please complete the information below. x **NO**: Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount

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