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## 190949

Emergency Ordinance

### **\*Authorize grant agreements with Black United Fund of Oregon, Inc. not to exceed \$250,000 and Grantmakers of Oregon and Southwest Washington not to exceed \$750,000 to address the root causes of community violence**

Passed

Substituted by Council

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. The FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget includes \$1,000,000 for grants to community focused foundations to expedite grant making that provides proactive preventative approaches addressing the root causes of community violence at a grassroots level.
2. This ordinance authorizes a \$1M appropriation for grants with Black United Fund of Oregon Inc. ("BUF") for an amount not to exceed \$250,000 and Grantmakers of Oregon and Southwest Washington ("GOSW") for an amount not to exceed \$750,000.
3. The society in which we live is comprised of interconnected systems that influence who we are, how we act, and what positions we will take in life. Inequalities within these systems drive community violence, especially in historically excluded neighborhoods.
4. The Grantmakers of Oregon and Southwest Washington strives to create a society in which all people can participate, prosper, and reach their full potential. They seek to learn about systemic barriers to individual success and community prosperity and support the elimination of such barriers to ensure that everyone has equitable access to the resources needed to thrive.
5. The Black United Fund of Oregon assists in the social and economic development of Oregon's underserved communities and contributes to a broader understanding of ethnic and culturally diverse groups.

#### Introduced by

[Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty](#)

#### Bureau

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#### Requested Agenda Type

Regular

6. BUF and GOSW will seek to provide grants to programs using evidence based proactive-preventative methods proven to stop violence before it occurs.
7. BUF and GOSW will be expected to distribute the funds within 30-45 days to any licensed organization or nonprofit that meets the program objectives and has not already received more than \$20,000 through the City of Portland in the year 2022 to ensure a diversity of community partnerships and to uplift smaller organizations.
8. Grants may be awarded up to \$100,000 each.
9. Successful organizations and programs that receive a grant should have a heightened awareness of neighborhoods, communities, community members and especially historically excluded communities that are more likely to be underserved, under resourced, ignored, and most impacted by community violence.


NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- A. The Commissioner-in-Charge is hereby authorized to execute grant agreements in a form similar to the agreements attached as Exhibit A and Exhibit B with the Black United Fund of Oregon, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 and with the Grantmakers of Oregon and Southwest Washington in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.
- B. The Office of Management & Finance Grants Office is authorized to perform all administrative matters in relation to the grant application, grant agreement or administration of amendments, requests for reimbursement from the grantor, and to submit required online grant documents.
- C. The Commissioner-in-Charge is authorized to execute amendments to the grant agreements identified in section A above, including amendments that increase the City's funding obligations if Council, by ordinance, appropriates additional grant funding in the City's budget for the grant agreement.
- D. The City Council waives the competitive application process required in FIN 2.04 – Budget.

Section 2. The Council declares that an emergency exists because a delay would harm the grantees' ability to perform the activities authorized by the grant; therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

## Documents and Exhibits

 [Exhibit A](#) (485.01 Kb)

 [Exhibit B](#) (606.42 Kb)

An ordinance when passed by the Council shall be signed by the Auditor. It shall be carefully filed and preserved in the custody of the Auditor (City Charter Chapter 2 Article 1 Section 2-122)

Passed by Council  
July 28, 2022

Auditor of the City of Portland  
Mary Hull Caballero

## Impact Statement

### Purpose of Proposed Legislation and Background Information

The purpose of this legislation is to appropriate the \$1,000,000 allocated in the FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget for community foundations to lead grant processes that get funding into community-based organizations working to address the root causes of community violence, in an expedited manner. This legislation authorizes grants in the amount of \$750,000 to the Grantmakers of Oregon and Southwest Washington, and \$250,000 to the Black United Fund of Oregon, Inc for this purpose.

### Financial and Budgetary Impacts

The FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget includes \$1,000,000 in General Fund one-time resources in Special Appropriations for this purpose. The grant agreements with Grantmakers of Oregon and Southwest Washington and the Black United Fund of Oregon, Inc coincide with the fiscal year period of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

### Community Impacts and Community Involvement

Both organizations are community driven.

The Grantmakers of Oregon and Southwest Washington strives to create a society in which all people can participate, prosper, and reach their full potential. They seek to learn about systemic barriers to individual success and community prosperity and support the elimination of such barriers to ensure that everyone has equitable access to the resources needed to thrive.

The Black United Fund of Oregon assists in the social and economic development of Oregon's underserved communities and contributes to a broader understanding of ethnic and culturally diverse groups.

## 100% Renewable Goal

Not applicable.

## Budget Office Financial Impact Analysis

\$1.0 million was allocated for this purpose in the FY 2022-23 Special Appropriations budget.

## Agenda Items

### 674 Regular Agenda in [July 27-28, 2022 Council Agenda](#)

Passed – Substitute

Motion to substitute the Ordinance: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Mapps. (Y-4)

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Absent