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## 191539

Emergency Ordinance

### **\*Accept and appropriate a grant from CareOregon, Inc. to expand the Community Health Assess and Treat program for \$2,600,000 (amend Contract 32002585)**

Passed

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. Both CareOregon and Portland Fire & Rescue have a vested interest in reducing unnecessary and avoidable Emergency Department utilization.
2. Portland Fire & Rescue represents the largest licensed pre-hospital Emergency Medical Service provider in the City of Portland providing upstream interventions before hospitalization is needed.
3. Portland Fire & Rescue is uniquely positioned to reach members who are housed and houseless with a myriad of mental and physical conditions, with an ability to focus on building trusting relationships and assessing care needs in the community setting.
4. CHAT was specifically created to reach marginalized and vulnerable community members suffering from chronic health, mental health, and substance use disorders, who are unable to navigate current healthcare systems.
5. October 13, 2021, Ordinance No. 190578 accepted \$2,488,575 CareOregon Inc., Grant No. 32002585.
6. May 10, 2023, Ordinance No. 191268 accepted \$2,400,000 CareOregon Inc., Grant No. 32002585, Amendment #2.
7. No Match is required.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- A. The Portland Fire & Rescue Chief is hereby authorized to negotiate, accept and execute a grant amendment with CareOregon, Inc., substantially similar to Exhibit A: Amendment No. 3.

Introduced by

[Commissioner Rene Gonzalez](#)

Bureau

[Portland Fire & Rescue](#)

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**Requested Agenda Type**

Regular

**Date and Time Information**

**Requested Council Date**

December 6, 2023

**Time Requested**

5 minutes

B. The Portland Fire & Rescue Chief is authorized to negotiate and execute on behalf of the City of Portland any subsequent amendments to the grant agreement, including amendments that increase the funding provided to the city by CareOregon, Inc., provided such amendments do not increase the City's financial obligation under the grant agreement.

C. The FY 2022/23 budget is hereby amended as follows:

Authorize 16.5 Limited Term FTE and 0.5 Regular FTE

GRANTS FUND

Fund 217007


Business Area – FR

Bureau Program Expenses– \$2,600,000

D. The Office of Management & Finance Grants Office is authorized to perform all administrative matters in relation to the grant application, grant agreement or amendments, requests for reimbursement from the grantor, and to submit required online grant documents on the Bureau's behalf.

Section 2. The Council declares that an emergency exists because the program authorized by this ordinance will address an immediate and ongoing public health emergency caused by unnecessary or avoidable emergency department visits; therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

## Documents and Exhibits

 [Exhibit A \(https://www.portland.gov/sites/default/files/council-documents/2023/exhibit-a-amendment.pdf\)](https://www.portland.gov/sites/default/files/council-documents/2023/exhibit-a-amendment.pdf) 525.9 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  
December 6, 2023

Auditor of the City of Portland  
Simone Rede

## Impact Statement

### Purpose of Proposed Legislation and Background Information

This Ordinance is to accept a grant in the amount of \$2,600,000 from CareOregon, and to authorize 16.5 Limited Term FTE and 0.5 Regular FTE. This grant funds staff salaries, essential medical equipment, hardware/software acquisition, and staff training for an expanded Community Health Assess and Treat team.

The goals of the partnership are to:

1. Change system of health care delivery in pre-hospital care setting
  - A. Respond to low acuity calls, assess and treat and follow up when feasible and requested within twenty-four (24) hours
  - B. Improve access and equity through patient education
2. Improve health outcomes
3. Lower healthcare costs
4. Improve member experience with the healthcare system

**Financial and Budgetary Impacts**

- This grant is for \$2,600,000.
- There are no additional or ongoing expenses.
- There is no impact to the General Fund.
- There is no match.

**Community Impacts and Community Involvement**

This legislation is intended to lead to positive impacts for some of our most vulnerable community members, by helping them avoid unnecessary and expensive emergency department visits, and to help address healthcare needs in the pre-hospital care setting.

**100% Renewable Goal**

NA

**Budgetary Impact Worksheet**

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount
217007	FRCH000002	511100	PSASCH00000000GS	Non-Program	FR00040	FR00400001	2,528,0000
217007	FRCH000002	52900	PSASCH00000000GS	Non-Program	FR00040	FR00400001	12,000
217007	FRCH000002	651101	PSASCH00000000GS	Non-Program	FR00040	FR00400001	50,000
217007	FRCH000002	561500	PSASCH00000000GS	Non-Program	FR00040	FR00400001	NONE

**Budget Office Financial Impact Analysis**

This ordinance accepts a federal grant and appropriates \$2.6 million in the PF&R Grants Fund budget. This resource will be use to extend the funding of 16 community health positions through 9/20/2024.

## Agenda Items

**1011 Regular Agenda in [December 6, 2023 Council Agenda](https://www.portland.gov/council/agenda/2023/12/6)**  
**(<https://www.portland.gov/council/agenda/2023/12/6>)**

Rescheduled

Rescheduled to December 6, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

**1017 Regular Agenda in [December 6, 2023 Council Agenda](https://www.portland.gov/council/agenda/2023/12/6)**  
**(<https://www.portland.gov/council/agenda/2023/12/6>)**

Passed

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea