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Office of Community & Civic Life

Neighborhood Program: District Coalition Offices



Neighborhood Program

The Neighborhood Program invests in neighborhood associations and community organizations to help build inclusive and livable neighborhoods for all Portlanders.

There are 94 City-recognized neighborhood associations within the City of Portland, each serving a geographic neighborhood boundary. We do this work in partnership with four nonprofit-run district coalition offices.

Central Northeast
Neighbors



District Coalition Office Model Update

- As of July 1, 2024, Civic Life changed the District Coalition Office (DCO) model from 7 to 4 service areas supported by nonprofit-run district offices.
- DCO boundaries aligned with new Independent District Commission map will help:
 - Ensure DCOs serve roughly equal populations with shared characteristics and interests;
 - Increase DCOs' ability to advocate for residents in their area;
 - Increase DCOs' ability to coordinate with City liaisons to navigate policy and code;
 - Ensure city councilors can work with the offices to engage with constituents.
- Funding is distributed equitably by population.



FY 2024-25 Budget Overview

District Coalition	GF Ongoing – Base Grants	GF Ongoing – Small Grants Program	GF One-time – Charter Reform Support	GF One-time – Redistrict Insurance-related Expenses
District 1 Central Northeast Neighbors	\$376,193	\$41,799	\$24,444	\$36,666
District 2 Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods	\$379,066	\$42,118	\$24,631	\$36,946
District 3 Southeast Uplift	\$395,402	\$43,934	\$25,692	\$38,538
District 4 Neighbors West-Northwest	\$388,338	\$43,149	\$25,233	\$37,850
Sub-total	\$1,538,999	\$171,000	\$100,000	\$150,000
Total				\$1,959,999



Scopes-of-Work

Civic Engagement	In-District Capacity building	Communications	Operational Support	Community Small Grants
<p>Create and support opportunities within the District for engagement that share information, build and maintain partnerships, and promote collaborations in equitable and accessible ways.</p> <p>Deliverables: Work w/Transition Team to host 1-2 RCV mock elections by Q2 FY23-24.</p> <p>Host 2 community education sessions on new form of government between Nov. 2024 - June 2025.</p>	<p>Build the capacity of community members and volunteer-led groups, including historically underserved organizations, via fiscal sponsorship services and skill-building opportunities.</p>	<p>Generate and share out regular districtwide communications that publicize the dates, times and locations of meetings, community events, civic engagement opportunities, and other related information.</p>	<p>Support volunteer-led groups' compliance with regulations related to domestic nonprofit corporations. Ensure that City-recognized neighborhood associations (NAs) comply with the City's transparency standards, and that eligible NAs receive general liability insurance for their activities. Provide a safe and healthy in-district workspace for district coalition staff that is open and accessible to the community.</p>	<p>Design, facilitate, and administer a Community Small Grants program that supports community-building activities within the district coalition area.</p>

