ORDINANCE NO. 187407

*Authorize a grant agreement with CASH Oregon for \$75,000 to provide financial education, counseling and free tax preparation services to low-income families and individuals in Portland. (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

- 1. Whereas, many low-income families and individuals in Portland cannot afford tax preparation services;
- 2. Whereas, the number of families and individuals who cannot afford tax preparation services has increased due to the economic downturn;
- 3. Whereas, many of these families and individuals are not aware of available tax credits;
- 4. Whereas, CASH Oregon provides financial education and counseling and free tax preparation services to low-income families and individuals in Portland;
- 5. The FY 2015-16 budget includes funding in the General Fund Special Appropriations for the above grant. The City now desires to make a grant to CASH Oregon in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.
- 6. The City's Comprehensive Financial Management Policies, FIN 2.04- Budget, states that grants should be issued after a competitive application process, unless Council waives the policy in the grant ordinance. Since CASH Oregon is the only organization providing these services, a competitive application process was not implemented for this grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. The Mayor is authorized to enter into a Grant Agreement, as outlined in form substantially in accordance with the agreement attached as Exhibit A, at a cost not to exceed \$75,000.
- b. The City Council waives the competitive application process required in FIN 2.04-Budget.
- c. The Mayor and Auditor are hereby authorized to draw and deliver payment chargeable to the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget.

Section 2. The Council declares that an emergency exists because delay in funding would delay CASH Oregon's ability to begin hiring staff and initiating their work; therefore this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

Passed by the Council: OCT 28 2015

Mayor Charlie Hales Prepared by: Joseph Wahl Date Prepared: 10/14/2015

Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland By Jusan Parpour Deputy

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