

Agenda No. 309

ORDINANCE NO.

*Authorize the Emergency Coordination Center to provide sponsorships to community-based organizations during City disaster declarations (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. Together with Multnomah County’s Emergency Operations Center, the City’s Emergency Coordination Center created a Joint Volunteer Information Center (JVIC) in March 2020.
2. The Joint Volunteer Information Center program provides direct support to over 70 community-based organizations (CBOs) utilizing a community advocate model.
3. The Joint Volunteer Information Center prioritizes the distribution of supplies to organizations in service to communities most impacted by emergencies, which include Black and Indigenous communities, communities of color, immigrant and refugee communities, people with disabilities and underlying conditions, and people with intersectional experiences of oppression.
4. The supplies are distributed using an innovative model, which pairs small and medium-sized community-based organizations (CBOs) with a designated city staff advocate. The advocate communicates with the CBO weekly to learn about their community needs and challenges, provide

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Mayor Ted Wheeler

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Emergency Management

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information and referrals resources, and take and fill orders for supplies.

5. Providing direct sponsorship grants to CBOs will have a larger impact to the community and the participating CBOs than buying supplies directly. The funds can help to strengthen CBOs' capacity to provide emergency relief to the community during emergencies. Additionally, CBOs will be able to buy culturally-specific and local products (reinvesting in locally-owned BIPOC community businesses).
6. The JVIC program has demonstrated that a track record of working with the City as a vendor increases CBOs' visibility and credibility with other funders.
7. Due to the urgent and immediate need to disburse relief funds, the Council finds it necessary to delegate sponsorship authority to the Emergency Coordination Center Manager. In addition, the City finds it reasonable and appropriate under these circumstances to forego any competitive process for awarding sponsorship grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- A. The Emergency Coordination Center Manager is authorized to execute sponsorship grants to Community Based Organizations in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 per grant during City of Portland declared emergencies from the Emergency Coordination Center budget.
- B. For sponsorship grants executed by the Emergency Coordination Manager, the competitive application process requirements of FIN 2.04 are waived.
- C. The Emergency Coordination Center Manager is authorized to amend and terminate sponsorships to Community Based Organizations during City of Portland declared emergencies.

Section 2. The Council declares that an emergency exists in order to avoid unnecessary delay in providing assistance to the community; therefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by Council.

Passed by Council:

MARY HULL CABALLERO
Auditor of the City of Portland

Action Taken:

By

Deputy

Commissioners voted as follows (Yea or Nay)

Rubio -

Ryan -

Hardesty -

Mapps -

Wheeler -

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Authorize the Emergency Coordination Center to provide sponsorships to community-based organizations during City disaster declarations (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The Joint Volunteer Information Center (JVIC) program was created in March 2020 as part of the City's COVID pandemic response. The JVIC provides direct support to over 70 community-based organizations (CBOs) utilizing a community advocate model.

The JVIC prioritizes the distribution of supplies to organizations centered in service to communities most impacted by emergencies: Black and Indigenous communities, communities of color, immigrant and refugee communities, people with disabilities and underlying conditions, and people with intersectional experiences of oppression.

A direct award of funds will help to build and or strengthen CBOs' capacity assist the community. Providing funds instead of supplies also enables CBOs to select culturally appropriate products and to support local businesses.

This ordinance permits the ECC to make direct awards to CBOs, rather than requiring the ECC to organize and small CBOs to apply for a competitive grant in the middle of an emergency.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

- JVIC sponsorship grants are awarded to Community Based Organizations in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 per grant during City of Portland declared emergencies.
- Funding is provided from the Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) budget (already appropriated).
- For sponsorship grants executed by the Emergency Coordination Center, the competitive application process requirements of FIN 2.04 are waived.
- Agreements between the sponsored CBO and the ECC will be developed to describe the purpose of the funds.

Community impacts and community involvement:

Providing small direct grants to CBOs will increase the effectiveness of dollars already allocated to support the community during this emergency. The ECC has received a great deal of positive feedback from CBOs they work with. These CBOs serve the communities hit hardest by the pandemic and attendant economic downturn. The JVIC program has also demonstrated that when CBOs have a track record of working with the City as vendors, their visibility and credibility to other funders is increased.

100% Renewable Goal:

No impact.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

YES: Please complete the information below.

NO: Skip this section

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