

Issue Title: Portland United Against Hate

Commissioner(s) Issuing Direction: Commissioner Eudaly

Bureau Directed: Office of Management & Finance (OMF) (Special Appropriations)

Issue Overview and Desired Goal/Outcome(s):

Portland United Against Hate (PUAH) is a coalition of 65 community-based organizations and neighborhood groups in partnership with the City of Portland's Office of Community & Civic Life and Special Appropriations. The goals of Portland United Against Hate are 1) to decrease the impact of hate violence on communities, support healing, and promote prevention and 2) to provide valuable data and insights into the community's needs and interests, allowing Bureaus and City Council to make more informed service and communication decisions. In addition, the program provides support and referrals to vulnerable community members, including culturally-appropriate advocacy, legal, and mental health services.

PUAH received funding in Fiscal Years 17-18 (\$350,000) and 18-19 (\$221,000). Grant funds to 13 coalition partners were issued through Special Appropriations, Office of Management and Finance; grant and program management was supported through the Office of Community & Civic Life. Through the Coalition's 2018 Strategic Planning process, its members decided to transition to an independent community-based coalition with staff supported provided through Southeast Uplift, a coalition member (e.g., not City-staffed).

Continued funding support through Special Appropriations in FY19-20 will enable PUAH to continue the Coalition's policy work, data gathering, rapid response, and training as they build sustainable organizational infrastructure.

Key elements during the FY 2019-20 budget season include:

- a) Competitively selected grants for community organizations that align with PUAH's goals and strategic directions.
- b) Scoping the needs and technical requirements for permanent hate incident tracking system, and partner with a permanent private sector or community-based host for the tool.
- c) Transition of the project and administrative management of the Coalition to SE Uplift.

To achieve these outcomes and successfully transition to a community-based model, OMF is directed to develop a budget proposal for Portland United Against Hate in FY 2019-20.

Desired Funding Options: Request new, one-time resources and look for opportunities to leverage existing and other public and private partner revenue.

Additional Requests/Notes: