

## **FY 2019-20 Direction to Develop**

**Issue Title:** Emergency Response Planning

**Commissioner(s) Issuing Direction:** Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

**Bureau Directed:** Portland Bureau of Emergency Management (PBEM)

**Issue Overview and Desired Goal/Outcome(s):**

PBEM develops and updates the City's emergency response plans. These plans guide the City's actions related to food and water distribution, post-earthquake safety inspections, sewage, firefighting, law enforcement, and many other functions vital for the health, safety, and livelihoods of Portland's residents.

Over the past two fiscal years, PBEM has increasingly been tasked by Council to engage in policy work such as upgrades to Unreinforced Masonry buildings, resilience considerations in capital asset management, and vulnerabilities at the Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) hub in Linnton. In addition, during FY 2017-18 two volunteer positions were added to PBEM's staff. These additional staff are supervised by the Planning manager. The additional work created by policy initiatives and additional staff and budget for the volunteer program left PBEM unable to meet any other planning needs for the City, impacting its work on disaster resilience. For comparison, Multnomah County emergency management has 11 staff and 4 planners. PBEM has 21 staff and 1.5 planners.

In order to develop comprehensive emergency response plans that can meet the needs of Portland's communities, Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty directs the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management to submit a decision package to identify staff and budget required to complete and maintain a full library of emergency response plans.

**Desired Funding Options:** New ongoing resources

**Additional Requests/Notes:** none.