

ONI Budget Advisory Committee: Program Summary  
October 2010

**Organization / Program title**

ONI/Disability Program

**Briefly describe the program funded with city dollars**

Our Mission:

The City of Portland's Disability Program was re-established in 2006 in the Office of Neighborhood Involvement to connect, support and encourages collaborative civic engagement between the people of the disability community, neighborhoods and city government.

What We Do:

- Information and referral
- Community advocacy through the Portland Commission on Disability
- Support City wide policy to be more inclusive of People with Disabilities
- Engagement opportunities with city government and neighborhoods, as well as community building and awareness raising events
- Voluntary Emergency Registry (VER)
- Disaster planning and preparedness for people with disabilities and frail elders

**Major activities and accomplishments during current budget cycle (ending June 30, 2011). Include Summary of what changed as a result of FY2011 budget cuts. If accomplishments planned were not achieve, please describe the challenges/reasons.**

Community Outreach:

- Advises Portland Commission on disability
- Manages Disability Specific Disaster training Grants and Disability related Vision into Action grant
- Coordinates several events a year including the Making a Difference Awards , The Roll and Stroll, and The ADA 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- Works with elected officials and other bureaus on projects and policy as a disability community subject expert
- Represents City on State wide efforts to raise the quality of life of People with disabilities in Portland
- Coordinates the Volunteer Emergency Registry Program (VER) a volunteer registry program for citizens with barriers to evacuation, information, and/or independent living through an emergency or disaster.
- Updates and maintains a disability resource database of community organizations and leaders

- Works with ONI's City/County Information and Referral Center to provide accurate disability services reference information
- Maintains knowledge of current federal, state, and local laws, City policies & current issues related to disabled community
- Expands awareness of disability issues by building cultural competency skills and organizing citizens to take action
- Works in partnership with civic organizations to promote mass media attention on disability
- Designs, and Coordinates workshops for public addressing the needs of People with disabilities in emergency evacuation and preparedness, community awareness, and government compliance
- Develops outreach material to educate and inform the public on disability issues
- Organizes and hosts workshops and educational opportunities for city staff around disability: inclusivity and compliance
- Is a liaison with the City attorney's working committee on developing and implementing the City's ADA transition plan
- Assists with emergency planning for persons with disabilities and develops and coordinates 911 disabilities outreach project, coordinating tracking system with BOEC and POEM

### **Summary of program budget and staffing**

The Disability Program is budgeted 153,611\$ for 09-10. This budget includes the coordinators salary 1 FTE and .5 FTE for administrative assistance. The budget includes funds that are allocated for the Voluntary Registry Program. The Program took a \$5,000 cut to materials and services from the previous year.

The Disability Program received \$500 from the ADA Technical Center for the ADA 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party and a donation of space and AV services from Portland State University.

The annual Roll and Stroll receives equipment rental donations from Care Medical Supplies that cost \$2,000. And lunch is provided by the M.S. society at a cost of \$150.

The Making a Difference Awards Event is blended into a larger community event hosted by the Connecting Communities Coalition. The event cost over \$20,000.

The Portland Commission on Disability has a volunteer intern who has committed to 305 hours for the year.

The Portland Commission on Disability receives approximately 5-7 hours of administrative support through a Commission members administrative staff.

Commission members volunteer 10 – 25 hours a month.

Commission membership averages 25 members out of a possible 31

The Commission leverages a range of 3,000 - 7,500 volunteer hours a year

### **Partnerships with other organizations**

The disability program over the last year has partnered with numerous organizations and entities. These partnerships have included helping organizations outreach to the disability community, providing awareness training, providing meeting space and creating marking and distribution materials and opportunities. Oregon Commission for the Blind, The Oregon Chapter of the Oregon Council for the Blind, The DBA of Oregon, The MS Society of Oregon, The Independent Living Center, Diverse and Empowered Employees of Portland, Elders in Action, The Region ADA Technical Center, Blind Ambition, Insight, the Business Leadership Network, OHSU, Multnomah County Emergency Management, Multnomah County Aging and Disability, Multnomah County Health, Portland Habilitation Center, DePaul Industry's, Easter Seals, Vocational Rehabilitation, Providence Health Care Office of Diversity Affairs, Ameri-Corp, Multiple State agencies including parks and Emergency planning, FEMA, The Port of Portland, and multiple City Bureaus.