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Affordable housing developers take hit from Trump tax cut speculation

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President Donald Trump's campaign promise to reform corporate income taxes has affordable housing projects across Oregon scrambling for funding.

The tax cut plan, which Trump teased again Thursday during a meeting with airline executives, wouldn't directly cut affordable housing funding. But affordable housing projects often are partly financed through tax credits that are sold to investors.

The Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program allocates up to \$8 billion a year and has helped develop more than 43,000 projects across the country since it was created in 1987. It also helped create more than 5,000 affordable units in Oregon from 2010 to 2015.

Since Trump took office, the value of the tax credits has plunged about 20 percent because of the possibility of tax reform, which the investors believe could dramatically reduce their tax liability. The administration has not announced the details of its tax plan, but Trump has said he would reduce the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 15 or 20 percent.

That's far from historic lows. When the tax credits were created in 1987, they sold for less than 60 cents on the dollar.

Still, it's left affordable housing developers throughout the state facing a possible funding gap. That's enough to at least temporarily upend developments just as they're about to get underway -- and during a period of record unaffordability when the housing units are sorely needed.

The effect could reverberate for several years, slowing the development of new affordable housing units.

"We're in this kind of strange period of uncertainty," said Martha McLennan, executive director of affordable housing developer Northwest Housing Alternatives.

Financing for affordable housing developments is usually cobbled together from various sources, including state and local grants. The tax credits often are offered as a means to attract private investment.

Before the November election, investors typically paid 95 cents to \$1.15 for each tax credit dollar. (Investors would pay more than the face value because of other benefits, such as the ability to write off the housing development's depreciation over time.)

Since then, the credits have shed 10 to 20 cents on the dollar. Some investors have begged off making commitments on pricing, while others who had tentatively agreed to invest in developments have pushed for a price cut.

The recent market volatility has left 33 affordable housing projects already underway in Oregon with an unexpected \$35 million funding gap, forcing developers to pursue additional subsidies, scale back their projects or raise rents.

Two projects by the nonprofit Reach Community Development -- a 52-unit apartment building in Hillsboro and a 101-unit building in Southeast Portland -- likely face a funding gap as a result of the market volatility.

"In early November, we were fully funded and marching toward closing," said Jessica Woodruff, director of housing development for the nonprofit. "Now there's this uncertainty."

It doesn't expect to know how much of a gap it will have to close for two more weeks, when it receives a batch of proposals from prospective investors.

Oregon Housing and Community Services, the state agency that issues the tax credits, said Friday it would take the emergency step of canceling its tax credit offerings for the coming year, instead redirecting some of them toward filling existing projects' funding gaps.

It also will use tax credits that would have been available for new projects to help fund projects that competed for, but didn't win, them last year. That's to hedge against further declines in tax credit values and to get projects underway sooner, said agency spokeswoman Ariel Nelson.

"We're shoring up the existing pipeline projects," Nelson said. "We're still in a housing crisis. This gets the projects out the door faster."

There are other reasons to rush. Interest rates and construction costs are rising, which further strain project budgets.

It's not clear how dramatic corporate tax cuts would affect the tax credit program in the long run. Reduced tax liabilities could lessen demand for offsets like the low-income housing tax credit.

"If the corporate maximum tax goes way, way down," McLennan said, "it could in theory eliminate the market altogether."

But it could just mean affordable housing developers have to scrape together more funding from other sources.

Right 2 Dream Too homeless camp could move to Southwest Naito Parkway

*By Jessica Floum
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The Right 2 Dream Too homeless camp could soon move to a little-noticed city-owned parking lot along Southwest Naito Parkway.

Portland city officials are considering moving the camp from its [controversial](#) Old Town/Chinatown location to an 42,000-square-foot parking lot at 1720 SW Naito Parkway, according to multiple city officials.

The city-owned lot functions as both a parking spot for parks bureau vehicles and a lightly-used paid public parking lot that charges \$12 a day.

Commissioner Amanda Fritz has worked for years to find a new home for the camp, but a [state land-use decision](#) squashed her and Mayor Charlie Hales' effort to move the camp to an industrial zone in the Central Eastside.

The Portland Development Commission plans to close on a more than [\\$1.2 million deal](#) to buy the Chinatown property by April 7, but spokesman Shawn Uhlman said the commission may reconsider if the camp is not vacated by then.

With the April deadline approaching, Fritz looked to the Naito Parkway parking lot, owned by Portland's Parks & Recreation Bureau that she manages.

Fritz declined to comment.

Stretching between SW Market St. and SW Harrison St. on Naito, the lot is across Naito Parkway from a Mercedes-Benz dealership but does not directly abut any business or residential property. It is mainly surrounded by streets and greenery. Since it is below the grade of Naito and far above Harbor Drive, which borders it on the east, passersby have limited ability to see the land. It is within eyesight of the waterfront Marriott Hotel and a few other businesses.

The pay-to-park lot used to charge the public \$8 a day to park, but raised its prices to \$12 by June. The 50 percent price increase caused a significant decrease in use, giving the parks department a stronger argument for repurposing the property.

NOTE: This post has been updated to correct the size of the lot.

Could a booming economy save PERS? Nope, officials say

*By Anna Marum
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Oregon public pension officials on Friday squashed hopes that savvy investing and a booming economy could offer a way out of the state's crushing employee pension crisis.

"The most important thing I can do is disabuse you of the notion that we need to work harder on the (earnings part of the equation)," investment expert John Skjervem told City Club of Portland members during a forum Friday.

As the state treasury's chief investment officer, Skjervem [manages \\$92 billion in state investments](#). The bulk of that is for Oregon's Public Employees Retirement System, with assets of \$70 billion.

Oregon's public pension system has \$22 billion worth of unfunded liability, and the resulting high payments public employers must make to bridge that gap are making it hard for the state to continue offering basic programs and services.

That's part of the reason the state has an estimated \$1.8 billion shortfall for its next two-year budget.

In the wake of [the 2015 Oregon Supreme Court decision](#), lawmakers have limited options for trimming the pension system's high costs. And PERS costs are projected to further strain the next several state budgets.

That in part explains why many of the questions posed to officials at a City Club forum addressed the potential of rocketing investment returns to fill the hole.

Not possible, Skjervem said each time.

In [her proposed budget](#), Gov. Kate Brown recommended adding 38 positions to the Treasury's service division. This larger staff, she said, would enable the state to reduce fees paid to third-party service providers managing the state's investments.

Republicans have [proposed two measures](#) to address the fund's \$22 billion unfunded liability, and the Senate Workforce Committee has [scheduled hearings](#) on the bills for Monday. But in a Democrat-controlled Legislature, it's unclear if the bills will make it out of committee.

At Friday's City Club forum in Portland, Skjervem said Oregonians should be proud of the pension fund's performance. In 2016, PERS saw a return of 6.9 percent, up from 2.1 percent in 2015.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average [gained 13.4 percent](#) last year, and the S&P 500 [rose 9.5 percent](#).

But [only 38 percent](#) of the pension fund is invested in the stock market. The rest is held in bonds, private equity, real estate, cash and alternative investments like timberland and mining companies. This wide diversification protects against the volatility of stocks, said Oregon State Treasury spokesman James Sinks.

It's not yet clear how Oregon's pension fund performance stacks up to its peers for last year, but at 2015's close, the fund had out-performed similar public pension funds in America for a decade, Skjervem said.

Therefore, those hoping to make up the \$22 billion shortfall with increased returns are out of luck, he explained.

"There isn't another gear on the investment side," he said. "Where do you go from number one?"

With plans to reform corporate taxes and repatriate foreign earnings, President Donald Trump [has promised](#) to grow U.S. GDP as much as 4 percent a year.

But even if the economy grows that fast -- and most economists are doubtful, given that it's grown at [an average rate of 2.5 percent](#) over the past 25 years -- it's not likely to fix the pension fund.

That is because rising interest rates will cut into corporate profits, Skjervem explained.

"That's a good scenario," Skjervem said. "But to say that fiscal policy as currently proposed in the form of corporate tax reform and repatriation is going to bail us out? No, I don't think so."

Portland mayor, police chief promise thorough investigations into 2 police shootings

*By Maxine Bernstein
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Portland's mayor urged people not to rush to judgment but "unite in our sorrow" as police investigate two shootings by officers within 11 hours that killed a black teenager and wounded a suicidal homeless man.

Both the 17-year-old boy, a suspect in a robbery, and the 56-year-old homeless man carried replica guns, police said Friday.

"Anytime there's a shooting, that's concerning. When an officer-involved shooting involves a death, it's even more so," Mayor Ted Wheeler said at a news conference just after police identified the two who were shot.

"And when the person who is killed is a black teenager it taps into deep historical wounds," Wheeler said. "We can't sit here today and ignore what's happening across our country. I'm not assigning blame. I'm not assigning judgment today. ... What I am doing is this: I'm affirming that the events that happened here in Portland are happening all too often."

Wheeler and Police Chief Mike Marshman promised a thorough investigation into both shootings -- one Thursday morning and the other in the evening. Wheeler said he expected the investigations to be as "speedy and transparent as possible."

Marshman called both "tragic" as he and the mayor each said their hearts go out to the community and the officers.

"It's rare to have two events like this in one day," Marshman said.

The chief said it would have been "extremely difficult for anybody in a moment's notice" to have recognized that the guns weren't real.

Don't Shoot Portland, a local group affiliated with the Black Lives Matter movement, condemned the shooting of the teen, Quanice Derrick Hayes, in a statement.

"Police were searching for 'a black man wearing a hoodie,' claimed to have found a gun near the scene and have spent over 24 hours trying to get their story straight before releasing details," the statement said. "Family described (Hayes) as someone who spent all their time being the caretaker of their young siblings. He wanted to grow up, work hard, and 'be somebody.'"

An East Precinct officer fatally shot Hayes about 9:20 a.m. Thursday.

He was a suspect in an armed robbery of a man outside a Northeast Portland motel.

Police said they believed Hayes had robbed a man who was sitting in his car outside the Portland Value Inn at 1707 N.E. 82nd Ave., about 7:20 a.m. A motel employee said Hayes took the man's Oregon food benefits card.

Shortly after, police responded to a report of a car prowling at the nearby Banfield Pet Hospital, Sgt. Pete Simpson said. They encountered Hayes, who fled, Simpson said.

Officers searched the neighborhood and later encountered Hayes outside a home on Northeast Hancock Street, where Officer Andrew Hearst shot and killed him, Simpson said. A replica gun was found near Hayes, police said.

Police haven't said what prompted the officer to fire.

Hearst, who has been with the Police Bureau seven years, was interviewed by internal affairs investigators Friday morning and has been put on standard leave pending the outcome of an investigation and grand jury review.

Hearst was one of three officers who [fatally shot a man in 2013](#) outside Portland Adventist Medical Center. The man, Merle Hatch, was carrying a broken telephone handset and told hospital staff that he had a gun. A grand jury found no criminal wrongdoing in the shooting.

In Thursday's second shooting, Central Precinct Officers responded to a 911 call about 6:30 p.m. from a 56-year-old man who said he was taking pills and planned to take more.

Two officers found Don Allan Perkins in a van parked along Powell City Park on Southeast 22nd Avenue.

They approached the passenger side, started talking to him but suddenly retreated behind a parked police SUV about 30 yards back, police and witnesses said.

Perkins, according to neighbor Kale Heily, emerged from the van and started taunting the officers, yelling: "Shoot me! Kill me!" Both officers fired multiple shots, wounding Perkins. He was hit in the abdomen and is expected to survive, police said.

Police said Perkins at some point had told the officers that he had a gun. Officers found the replica gun near Perkins after the shooting, they said.

The officers who fired at Perkins, Roger Walsh and Bradley Clark, both have worked at the bureau 11 years. They'll be interviewed by investigators Saturday. They're also on paid administrative leave.

Neighbors said Perkins had been living in the van at the park for about six months. Another homeless man, Robert Watson said Perkins had said he was a former military man with a disability and had spoken frequently about losing his wife not long ago.

Community activist Teressa Raiford pointed out the different skin colors of the two people shot and the different outcomes.

"#StopKillingUS leave it to our local police to show us the difference skin tone makes...#BlackLivesMatter Rest in Peace #QuaniceHayes praying for your family to have power and courage during this time...." Raiford posted on Facebook.

A GoFund Me page for Hayes' family, seeking money for a burial, said his mother is a widow with four other children and is trying to find housing. Hayes is listed on the [state's clearinghouse of missing people](#).

The police chief said he and the mayor reached out to pastors in the African American community after the shooting and called in a police crisis response team officer to assist the boy's family.

Hayes' grandmother, Donna Haynes, declined comment, but said on Facebook that a vigil planned Saturday for her grandson had been canceled because the family was too grief-stricken to attend.

The shootings come as Portland police remain under a settlement agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice after a 2012 investigation found that officers used excessive force against people with mental illness. The city currently isn't meeting one of the settlement's provisions, which requires community engagement.

The metro area also had a third police-involved shooting about 12 hours after Perkins was wounded. Vancouver police shot and killed a man who they said had entered a stranger's apartment after stealing a car and crashing it into a bus at a retirement community.

Portland City Council to vote on grant to help protect immigrants' rights

*By Jessica Floum
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The Portland City Council is weighing a proposal to award \$50,000 to help launch a Portland-based nonprofit's project to help immigrants fight deportation efforts and other legal challenges.

Commissioner Amanda Fritz and Mayor Ted Wheeler are jointly proposing the council award a \$50,000 grant to help the Metropolitan Public Defender provide immigrant communities with legal services, education on their rights and immigration law and individual casework.

"As an immigrant myself, I'm particularly sensitive to the rights of others," Fritz said. "People come to this country looking for justice, not violence and racism."

The council is scheduled to vote on the plan next week.

The nonprofit law firm plans to spend \$250,000 on a new immigration project, enough to allow the organization to hire two full-time immigration attorneys.

"\$50,000 from the City of Portland will be a significant boost and help us as we approach others to support the project," the director of the nonprofit's community law division, Alex Bassos, said in a statement.

Fritz said she hopes the program will work with Portland United Against Hate, a community group set up to track and report hateful acts and to support communities in need.

Fritz started the group under the New Portlanders Program for immigrants and refugees at the Office of Neighborhood Involvement, which she previously ran. Commissioner Chloe Eudaly now manages the neighborhood office.

Fritz also hopes it will encourage the efforts of the more than 100 Oregon attorneys who offered to volunteer their legal services after President Donald Trump [signed an executive order](#) pledging to strip funding from cities that won't help the federal government enforce immigration law.

"(With) all the frightening things coming down from the federal level, it's reassuring to know people in our community are willing to step up and protect all those in our community whose rights are being attacked," Fritz said.

This is the first of "a number of actions" the Portland City Council plans to take over the next few weeks to protect immigrants' rights, Fritz said.

"This grant is a concrete step we can take to provide the legal advice and services that these vulnerable Portlanders need to protect their rights," Wheeler said in a statement.

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Mayor, chief call for calm as facts emerge in two officer-involved shootings

By Pamplin Media Group

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Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler and Police Chief Mike Marshman appealed Friday afternoon for patience as investigators probe two officer-involved shootings Thursday, Feb. 9, that killed a young man and wounded another man in separate incidents.

Both men who were shot held replica firearms, police said Friday, Feb. 10. Marshman told reporters that it would have been difficult for officers called to the incidents to distinguish between a real and a replica firearm when the men were shot.

In the first incident, police said robbery suspect 17-year-old Quanice Derrick Hayes was shot at about 7:24 a.m. by East Precinct Officer Andrew Hearst during a search Thursday morning in a neighborhood north of the Portland Value Inn Hotel on Southeast 82nd Avenue. Hayes, an African-American man, was holding a replica firearm when he was shot and killed.

Hearst, a seven-year Portland Police Bureau veteran, was placed on paid administrative leave, which is bureau policy.

Hearst was one of the officers called to the area to search for a suspect in an armed robbery reported about a half-hour earlier by a victim who was in a car parked near the hotel. As officers searched the neighborhood, a man matching the suspect description was spotted near another business, but ran when police arrived.

A police canine unit searched the area, including going into house in the 8300 block of Northeast Hancock Street. Outside the residence, officers encountered the suspect and fired shots. The young suspect died at the scene.

In the second incident, police said 56-year-old Don Allan Perkins was wounded at about 7:15 p.m. when he climbed out of his vehicle in the 3300 block of Southeast 22nd Avenue and confronted officers who were called about 45 minutes earlier to talk with Perkins, who is white, because of a suicide threat.

Perkins remains in a Portland hospital where he is being treated for gunshot wounds.

Officers involved in the shooting were Roger Walsh and Bradley Clark, both 11-year police bureau veterans assigned to the Central Precinct. They also were placed on paid administrative leave.

'Feel a lot of pain'

Both incidents will be reviewed by a Multnomah County grand jury. No schedule has been set for the jury to hear evidence in the shooting investigations. Police bureau spokesman Sgt. Pete Simpson said the two shootings in one day had "pushed the department's resources to the limit."

Following the grand jury, the bureau will release additional information, which is standard practice. As part of the bureau's use-of-force review, officials will conduct an internal review and the case will go before the Police Review Board.

Wheeler and Marshman told reporters that they had appealed for calm from the African-American community until the investigations were complete. Both officials said they reached out to community leaders and asked that they be patient until the facts are determined in Hayes' shooting.

"People are definitely going to feel a lot of pain over this situation," Wheeler told reporters Friday afternoon. "What I'm asking people to do is not jump to conclusions, but hang in there with me while we learn the facts."

Marshman called the two shootings "tragic" and "rare." He said the bureau and the district attorney's office would "investigate as quickly as we can so we can answer all the questions."

'No-cause eviction' lawsuit will proceed in federal court

By Jim Redden

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A federal court judge will hear arguments for and against issuing a temporary restraining order against Portland's new no-cause eviction policy at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15.

The suit against the policy was originally filed by attorneys representing landlords in Multnomah County Circuit Court. It was moved to the U.S. District Court at the request of the city late Thursday afternoon.

Attorneys representing the landlords agreed to let the case proceed in federal court and filed a motion for a restraining order on Friday. The city has until 4 p.m. Monday to respond. The landlord attorney have until 4 p.m. Tuesday to respond.

DiLorenzo says all of the issues raised in the suit can be heard in federal court, including the claim that the policy violates the existing statewide ban against local rent control programs.

"The landlord community is taking this case very seriously," DiLorenzo says. "We believe this ordinance is wrong. The City didn't follow rules, statutes or the Constitution, and the Federal Court is the best place for this decision."

The case will be heard by Judge Michael Simon, who is currently clashing with the city on an unrelated matter. The city has objected to Simon's request for more frequent updates on the progress of the city's police excessive force settlement agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice.

The new no-cause eviction policy was unanimously approved by the City Council on Feb. 2. It requires landlords to pay moving costs ranging from \$2,900 to \$4,500 to tenants who are evicted, or whose leases are not renewed, without a formal claim that they violated their rental agreements. It also applies to tenants who choose to move if their rents are raised more than 10 percent in 12 months. Landlords with only one unit are exempted.

The council passed the policy at a single hearing. It took effect immediately. Many smaller landlords testified against the proposal, but the council argued Portland is facing a homeless and housing crisis caused in part by no-cause evictions and rising rents.

State law prohibits cities from adopting rent control programs. An opinion issued by the Legislative Council last year said requiring landlords to pay moving costs would be legal,

however. In his filing, DiLorenzo argued the requirement would effectively end no-cause evictions, creating a de facto form of rent control. He also argued it interferes with the contract and due process clauses of the U.S. Constitution.

In addition, the lawsuit claims the council violated its rules by approving "conceptual amendments" to the ordinance enacting the policy that were written by the city attorney's office and not approved by the council prior to the vote.

Here is the order issued by the federal court Thursday evening:

"Plaintiffs' counsel contacted the courtroom deputy to inform the Court that a motion for temporary restraining order will be filed on February 10, 2017. The courtroom deputy attempted to contact all parties to discuss a schedule for briefing and a hearing, but could not reach counsel for Defendant. The Court sets the following schedule: Plaintiffs' motion for temporary restraining order is due Friday, February 10, 2017 at noon. Defendant's response is due Monday, February 13, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Plaintiffs' reply is due Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at noon. Oral argument is set for Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Portland, Courtroom 13B, before Judge Michael H. Simon. Any objections to this schedule must be promptly communicated to the courtroom deputy. Ordered by Judge Michael H. Simon. (mja)"

R2DToo property owner might evict homeless camp

By Jim Redden

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Homeless campers in Right 2 Dream Too could be evicted soon unless Commissioner Amanda Fritz guarantees a new location for it by next week.

The City Council has said it will find a new location for the camp by April 7 and has made Commissioner Amanda Fritz responsible. But Michael Wright, one of the owners of the property where the camp is located, says he now wants a written guarantee of the move from Fritz.

Wright is being sued by two Old Town developers who say the camp is driving down their property values. Wright tells the Portland Tribune he thinks the suit is frivolous, but is eager to put the matter behind him.

"I'm going out of town to decompress for the weekend, but when I get back, I want a certified letter from Fritz saying the move will absolutely happen by April 7," says Wright.

Contacted by the Portland Tribune, Fritz's office had no comment. News outlets have reported she has identified another location for the camp, but has not yet disclosed where it is. Wright says he's been told it's on property owned by Portland Parks & Recreation, which Fritz oversees.

The camp is located on a vacant lot at Northwest 4th and Burnside. Wright has owned the property with his wife and another couple, Daniel and Donna Cossette, since 1984. They tore down their previous business, Cindy's Adult Book Store, after the city cited it for building code violations in 2011. Wright allowed the camp to be established after that.

The Portland Development Commission has agreed to buy the parcel for \$1.2 million after the camp is moved. The council tried to relocate it to Southeast Portland but were blocked by the

state Land Use Board of Appeals after nearby residents and businesses argued the new location was not properly zoned for camping. Fritz has been searching for a suitable location ever since.

For a previous Portland Tribune story on the issue, visit <http://tinyurl.com/jptx527>.

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City Commissioner Amanda Fritz Proposes Spending \$50,000 for Legal Defense of Immigration Cases

By Rachel Monahan

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City Commissioner Amanda Fritz is proposing a concrete financial step toward establishing the city's reputation as a haven for immigrants.

In a proposal that is backed by Mayor Ted Wheeler and will likely win the support of City Council next week, Fritz wants to provide \$50,000 to Metropolitan Public Defenders to help with immigration cases.

"Metropolitan Public Defenders will work in the community through community-based organizations to help individuals and families with immigration cases, record clearing, family safety plans and protection from victimization," said defense lawyer Alex Bassos.

Wheeler has previously pledged to maintain Portland's status as a sanctuary city, meaning law enforcement won't help with Immigration and Customs Enforcement requests for keeping people in jail based solely on their immigration status.

"The Mayor and I are committed not only to be a sanctuary city, but to also be a welcoming city," said Fritz. Here's her full press release.

Commissioner Amanda Fritz announced today that she has filed an ordinance, cosponsored by Mayor Ted Wheeler, that will provide a grant of \$50,000 to the Metropolitan Public Defender (MPD) for their newly formed Immigrant Protection Project. The project will provide legal services to immigrant communities in Portland through individual casework, as well as providing general information about immigration law and rights of individuals in the community.

"Immigrant and refugee families in the community are terrified and need immediate help determining what threats exist and preparing a legal plan for their safety and protection. Metropolitan Public Defender will work in the community through community-based organizations to help individuals and families with immigration cases, record clearing, family safety plans and protection from victimization" stated Alex Bassos, Director of Community Law Division for MPD.

"The Mayor and I are committed not only to be a sanctuary city, but to also be a welcoming city" said Commissioner Amanda Fritz. "By this action, we are putting City resources behind our words to protect the most vulnerable members of our community. Although the Courts are currently ruling against the Executive Order limiting entry, it is clear that there will be many attacks on constitutional rights in the next four years."

“The directives coming out of Washington DC on immigration are disturbing and many members of our community are living in fear. This grant is a concrete step we can take to provide the legal advice and services that these vulnerable Portlanders need to protect their rights”, stated Mayor Ted Wheeler.

Metropolitan Public Defender has set a budget of \$250,000 for the project, which would allow the organization to hire two full-time immigration attorneys and support staff. “The \$50,000 from the City of Portland will be a significant boost and help us as we approach others to support this project” Bassos said.

Many organizations have endorsed the project including, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Oregon, Oregon Law Center, Immigrant Refugee Community Organization (IRCO), Unite Oregon, Causa, Latino Network, and the Oregon Latino Health Coalition.

Portland City Council will hear the ordinance Wednesday morning, February 15 on the regular morning agenda.