

## NEIGHBORHOOD SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

### EXPLANATION OF FORMULA ONI USES TO ALLOCATE FUNDS TO NEIGHBORHOOD COALITIONS

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Each of Portland's seven neighborhood coalitions receives a certain amount of funding from the City of Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement to give out in grants as part of the Neighborhood Small Grants Program. These allocations are based on:

- The percentage of the City's total number of households living in poverty within each coalition (2/3 weight)
- The number of neighborhood associations in each coalition.

Here's how the allocation process works:

#### FIRST STEP—IDENTIFY TOTAL FUNDING AUTHORIZED FOR NEIGHBORHOOD SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

- **Example:** In FY 12-13, ONI's approved budget included \$93,855 to give out to the seven neighborhood coalitions to give out as Neighborhood Small Grants

#### SECOND STEP—DIVIDE TOTAL FUNDS INTO TWO CATEGORIES—WEIGHTED BY POVERTY AND # OF NAs

ONI divides the total funds into two categories:

- 2/3 (to be allocated based on % of total city population living in poverty from 2010 Census)
- 1/3 (to be allocated based on the number of neighborhood associations)

#### **Example:**

- In FY 12-13, the total \$93,855 was divided into two pots of funding:
  - 2/3 (for % pop in poverty) = \$62,883
  - 1/3 (for number of neighborhood associations) = \$30,972.

#### THIRD STEP—CALCULATE ALLOCATION OF THE AMOUNTS IN BOTH CATEGORIES

##### **Funds weighted for poverty:**

- Formula:
  - Divide the number of households living in poverty in the coalition area by the total number of households living in poverty in Portland
  - Multiply this % against the total in the 2/3 pot of funds
- Example—CNN FY 12-13:
  - CNN household living in poverty: 19,405
  - Citywide total households living in poverty: 267,958

- CNN % living in poverty:  $19,405/267,958 = 7.24\%$  (rounded up to 8)
- $(8/101) * \$62,883 = \$4,980.82$

**Funds weighted for # of NAs:**

- Formula:
  - Divide the number of CNN neighborhood associations by the total number of Portland neighborhood associations
  - Multiply this % against the total in the 1/3 pot of funds
- Example—CNN FY 12-13:
  - CNN number of neighborhood associations: 8
  - Citywide number of neighborhood associations: 93
  - CNN % of total neighborhood associations:  $8/93 = 9\%$
  - $(8/93) * \$30,972 = \$2,664$

**FOURTH STEP—CALCULATE TOTAL NSG FUNDING FOR EACH COALITION**

ONI adds the two amounts to calculate the total NSG funding for each coalition.

- **Example—CNN FY 12-13:**
  - $\$4,981 + \$2,664 = \$7,645$

EXAMPLE OF SPREADSHEET CALCULATIONS FOR FY 12-13

<b>Total Communications</b>		<b>\$97,200</b>	<i>Based upon # of households per coalition</i>				
<b>Table 2: Communications Funding Formula</b>							
<b>COALITION</b>	<b>HOUSE-HOLDS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>Adjustment</b>	<b>2.32%</b>
CNN	19,405	\$7,039				2,650	
EPNO	56,017	\$20,320					
NECN	26,193	\$9,501	NECN adjusted drop Lloyd District				
NPNS	26,708	\$9,688					
NWNW	35,232	\$12,780	WNV adjusted for addition of 2 neighborhoods				
SEUL	72,131	\$26,165					
SWNI	32,272	\$11,706	SWNI adjusted drop Healy Heights				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>267,958</b>	<b>\$97,200</b>					
<b>Total Grants</b>		<b>\$93,855</b>	<i>Based upon # of people in poverty citywide</i>				
<b>Table 3: Weight Income 2/3, NA 1/3</b>			<i>% of city pop in poverty, and # of neighborhoods</i>				
<b>COALITION</b>	<b>% of City Pop. Below Poverty</b>	<b>NEIGH ASSOC</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>NEIGH ASSOC</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
CNN	8	8	\$7,645		8	\$2,664	\$8,074
EPNO	28	13	\$21,762		13	\$4,329	\$13,120
NECN*	10	12	\$10,222		12	\$3,996	\$12,110
NPNS	13	11	\$11,757		11	\$3,663	\$11,101
NWNW*	11	12	\$10,845		12	\$3,996	\$12,110
SEUL	24	20	\$21,603		20	\$6,661	\$20,184
SWNI*	7	17	\$10,020		17	\$5,662	\$17,156
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>\$93,855</b>		<b>93</b>	<b>\$30,972</b>	<b>\$93,855</b>
<i>Weight</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>33%</i>			<i>100%</i>		
	<b>\$62,883</b>	<b>\$30,972</b>			<b>\$93,855</b>		