



Multnomah County Agenda Placement Request Budget Modification (FY 2018)

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Meeting Date: _____

Agenda Item #: _____

Est. Start Time: _____

Date Submitted: _____

Agenda Title: BUDGET MODIFICATION # NOND-13-18: Appropriating \$60,000 of City of Portland General Fund Supporting the Air Toxic Emissions Study

Requested Meeting Date: 6/21/18 **Time Needed:** 5 Minutes

Department: 1000 - Nondepartmental - All Other **Division:** _____

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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): John Wasiutynski, Sustainability Director

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Budget modification Nond-13-18 requests approval to appropriate \$60,000 of City of Portland General Funds to partner with Multnomah County to support an Air Toxic Emissions Study. This funding is a pass thru payment.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

The City of Portland and Multnomah County are partnering to study local options that would improve air quality. Current Oregon rules only comply with federal minimum standards but don't set limits on the hundreds of potential industrial air pollutants known as air toxics. In most cases, only the largest polluters are required to install pollution controls -- with no regard to health impacts. The issue came to a head in 2016 when air toxins from small glass manufacturers were discovered at potentially harmful levels in several central Portland neighborhoods. While the State launched Cleaner Air Oregon to close the gaps, both the City and County have determined that effort must be adequately funded and staffed to prevent further toxic hot spots and potential harm.

The region has a successful track record of complying with federal standards for ozone and carbon monoxide. But the federal government does not set limits on air toxics such as arsenic, cadmium, and other toxic metals discovered in a U.S. Forest Service moss study released in 2016. The EPA leaves it up to states to set their own rules. In addition to pollution from industrial sources, the

region has unhealthy levels of diesel particulate emissions from trucks and construction equipment and toxins from burning wood.

This funding will support the costs associated with a feasibility study to assess three main options for reducing air toxic emissions in the Portland Metropolitan Area. The study is scheduled for completion at the end of the current fiscal year, and results will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners at the June 26, 2018 Board briefing. The study will include considerations and recommendations for how the Board of County Commissioners and the City Council can proceed to further improve air quality.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

This is one-time-only funding for the study and will not be an ongoing expense.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

None

5. Explain any citizen or other government participation.

The study is a partnership between the City of Portland and Multnomah County. Each partner will spend \$60,000 for a total of \$120,000 to study local options that would improve air quality.

Budget Modification

6. What revenue is being changed and why? If the revenue is from a federal source, please list the Catalog of Federal Assistance Number (CFDA).

Increase of City of Portland General Fund.

7. What budgets are increased/decreased?

Increases professional services by \$60,000.

8. What do the changes accomplish?

Implements support for the Air Toxic Emissions Study.

9. Do any personnel actions result from this budget modification?

No

10. If a grant, is 100% of the central and department indirect recovered? If not, please explain why.

N/A

11. Is the revenue one-time-only in nature? Will the function be ongoing? What plans are in place to identify a sufficient ongoing funding stream?

Yes

12. If a grant, what period does the grant cover? When the grant expires, what are funding plans? Are there any particular stipulations required by the grant (e.g. cash match, in kind match, reporting requirements, etc)?

The study is not expected to be ongoing.

Required Signature

**Elected Official or
Dept. Director:** _____

Date: _____

Budget Analyst: _____

Date: _____

Department HR: _____

Date: _____

Countywide HR: _____

Date: _____