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Supports Continuation of Services

SWNI Receives Approval for \$70K Federal Grant

SWNI has received approval for a \$70,800 federal grant that will be used to hire staff and cover certain other operating expenses.

The grant, part of the federal government's stimulus package, will enable SWNI to resume many of its services to southwest neighborhood associations and community organizations.

SWNI has been operating in recent months mostly on volunteer effort and individual donations; the additional funding will help stabilize its services to the community.

Creates Jobs

"The primary purpose of the funding is to offer summer jobs to people who are out of work but would like to be part of the organization," says Leslie Hammond, SWNI president.

"It will help us meet our expenses for the next 5-6 months, although at a somewhat reduced level of service," she said.

WITH THESE ADDITIONAL FUNDS AND THE STEADY STREAM OF DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE COMMUNITY, SWNI WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTINUE PROVIDING FISCAL SPONSORSHIP AND SUPPORT SERVICES TO SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOODS FOR THEIR PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

The SWNI Board will decide this month how to allocate the funds in accordance with the grant requirements.

"We have already cut our expenses to the bone," Hammond said. "This funding allows us to increase our current service level as well as giving us more time to restructure the organization and look at the scope of services we can provide over the long-term."

Positive Feedback

While SWNI has lost the support of two of its 17 neighborhoods, Hammond said she is encouraged that "there are many people

who want to commit to SWNI and are interested in helping SWNI focus on what the Southwest area deems important."

SWNI's Board approved the application for the Federal grant last month.

Meanwhile, SWNI has created several special committees to deal with organizational structure, operations, development, technology and communications.

Currently, the new SWNI Development Committee is working to bring in other grants and donations to further stabilize SWNI's funding, Hammond noted.

SWNI Offers Census Training May 15

2020 Census data is now accessible and can help neighborhood associations and other community-based groups understand the demographics of Southwest Portland and the needs of our increasingly diverse community.

See article on **Page 4** for what you will learn in this important training opportunity and how participate. The training is free to all comers.