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CHILDREN'S FUND PANEL WILL MEET

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A committee set up to distribute money from *Portland's* children's levy will decide on its first funding recommendations Tuesday in a meeting open to the public.

The allocation committee of the *Children's Investment Fund* will meet from 12:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. in City Council chambers at *Portland City Hall*, 1221 S.W. Fourth Ave. Public comment will begin at 5 p.m., after the committee sorts through 47 applications from early-childhood programs such as Head Start.

Besides picking winning applications, the committee must decide how much of the \$8 million in levy tax collections expected this year should go to early-childhood programs. The remainder will be allocated later this year to child-abuse prevention programs and after-school and mentoring programs. Voters passed the five-year property tax levy last year.

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