



Invest a Minute

Allocation Committee Meeting Summary: Nov 20th, 2008
City Council Chambers, 1221 SW Fourth Ave.

Members:

Present: Allocation Committee Chair and Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman; Ron Beltz, a businessman who represents the Portland Business Alliance; Alissa Keny-Guyer, consultant for foundations and nonprofits; Adrienne Livingston, executive director of the Black United Fund of Oregon; absent:: Multnomah County Commission Chair Ted Wheeler.

The CHIF staff and the Allocation Committee are having several meetings during November and December to gather input before making important funding decisions. Your participation is welcome as CHIF moves forward. New funding begins July 2009, with the city economist projecting average annual revenues of between \$12 and \$14 million for the first three years of the levy.

Discussion:

●Public Comment

The Allocation Committee, staff and community members continued to dialogue on three staff recommendations:

- Allocation of funds to a Leverage Fund.
- Allocation of funds between program areas
 - 33 percent for Early Childhood
 - 20 percent for After School
 - 13.5 percent for Mentoring
 - 20 percent for Child Abuse Prevention
 - 13.5 percent for Foster Care
- Continuation of funding/commitment to Head Start and current Head Start grantees.

The bulk of CHIF grants will expire June 30, 2009, with new ones beginning July 1, 2009. CHIF staff recommends that separate Request for Investments (RFIs) be issued for each of the five program areas (Early Childhood, After School, Mentoring, Child Abuse Prevention and Foster Care).

Earlier this month, the Allocation Committee voted to require grantees in general to compete for new revenues. Staff has recommended that the Allocation Committee exempt current Head Start investments from re-competition (Mt. Hood Community College at Gateway and Portland Public Schools Kelly Center).

If the Committee does not agree to exempt current Head Start from re-competition, staff recommends creation of a funding pool for Head Start services equal to the current investments for a total of \$1.7 million over the next three years. Also, staff recommends that

CHIF increase its Early Head Start investment, with providers competing for a dedicated funding pool of \$4 million over three years.

The remainder of the Early Childhood funding would be invested in services that prioritize parenting support and education, mental health consultation, home visiting services, childcare, and early literacy

Also discussed were staff recommendations on focus areas for the Requests for Investment in Child Abuse and Foster Care as follows:

-- Child Abuse: parent education and support, home visitation, respite care, family preservation, therapeutic intervention.

-- Foster Care: designating at least 50 percent of the funding for children birth to age 5 with a focus on services that provide therapeutic child care/preschools, therapeutic intervention with foster families, mental health services, and services focused on infants. The remaining 50 percent of funds focused on foster children and former children ages 6 to 24 for provision of a range of services including support services for youth aging out of foster care, culturally specific services, mental health services, mentoring, educational support, and services that help maintain placement stability.

•The NEXT Allocation Committee meeting is Monday, Dec. 1st, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Portland Building Auditorium, Second Floor, 1120 SW Fifth Ave. While there will be not be a vote at this meeting, the Allocation Committee and CHIF staff urges you to attend and give your feedback on these important issues:

- After School and Mentoring Request for Investment Objectives
- General Template for Requests for Investment
- Other funding topics that have been discussed at previous meetings

•Additional meetings are:

-Dec. 11th, 6 – 8 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers (No votes taken – public input only)

-Dec. 15th, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., Portland Building Auditorium

Your input is important – please consider attending these meetings!

Other:

•If you missed the Allocation Committee meeting, watch it on Portland Cable Channel 30 at these times: Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 9 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 30 at 6 p.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 4:30 p.m.; and Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 5 p.m.

•If you missed the Nov. 20th meeting, check it out online at

<http://rs1.media.ci.portland.or.us:2259/ramgen/archives2/chif112008.rm>

Note: Real Player required.

The Children's Investment Fund was created by Portland voters in 2002 and renewed by the city electorate in Fall 2008. The Fund is supported through a five-year levy projected to annually generate more than \$12 million during the next few years toward proven programs

across the city. The Investment Fund is annually audited and administrative costs do not exceed 5 percent. Questions/comments: mgbroderick@ci.portland.or.us
See our website at www.childrensinvestmentfund.org
