



Invest a Minute

Allocation Committee Meeting Summary: Dec. 15th, 2008
Portland Building Auditorium/2nd Floor, 1120 SW 5th 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; and Multnomah County Commission Chair Ted Wheeler.

Background:

The CHIF staff and the Allocation Committee had several meetings during November and December to gather input on important funding decisions as CHIF moves forward. The bulk of CHIF grants will expire June 30, 2009, with new ones beginning July 1, 2009. The city economist is projecting average annual revenues of between \$12 and \$14 million for the first three years of the levy.

Action:

The Allocation Committee made several decisions regarding funding and the Request for Investment (RFI) process:

The Leverage Fund

✓ Allocate a total of \$3 million (\$2 million of projected new revenues and \$1 million of accrued revenues) through fiscal year 20011/2012 for a Leverage Fund.

Funding of Program Areas

- ✓ Allocate 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/Intervention
 - 13.5 percent for Foster Care

*Some programs may be eligible for funding under the objectives of both the child abuse prevention/intervention and early childhood Requests for Investment (RFI). To the extent this is the case, organizations may submit the same application in response to both RFIs. The proposal will be scored only once and will be eligible to receive funding only once.

Early Childhood

✓ The Committee voted to invest all Early Childhood funding in general early childhood services that include Head Start and Early Head Start, parenting support and education, mental health consultation, home visiting services, quality childcare for low-income families and early literacy. Committee members voted against staff recommendations to either exempt current Head Start investments from re-competition or dedicate a funding pool for Head Start services. They also voted against a set aside of funds for Early Head Start services.

After School

✓ The Committee voted to invest in after-school programs in two categories: full-service/high intensity (65 percent of funding) and enrichment (35 percent of funding). Funding will be available to serve children in grades K-12. Full-service programs are defined as those that offer academic support, enrichment activities, parent outreach and family support, with students attending at least four hours per week. Enrichment programs are defined as those that have a single focus, provide fewer than four hours of service per child per week and provide no or very limited staffing dedicated to parent outreach/support. The RFI will stress CHIF's interest in funding priorities raised through the public input process including: summer programming, services supporting children through school transitions (especially 8th to 9th grade), programs focused on outdoors/nature/environment and services for Latinos and immigrant children. Summer program funding is limited to programs providing both school year and summer programming with the investment.

Mentoring

✓ The Committee voted to invest in mentoring programs that serve children ages 5 – 18 through consistent and stable relationships between a child and caring individual(s) that last at least one academic year, include regular face-to-face meetings and are aimed at developing character/competencies of the mentee. The RFI will stress CHIF's interest in funding priorities identified through the public input process including the need for male mentors and creative strategies to address this need, culturally specific programs and programs aimed at immigrant children.

Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention

✓ The Committee voted to invest in general child abuse prevention and intervention services with a focus on the priorities identified through public input including: parent education and support, home visitation, respite care, family preservation and therapeutic intervention. Priority populations include African American and Native American children, teen mothers, children with disabilities and children of incarcerated parents.

Foster Care

✓ The Committee voted to postpone voting on staff recommendations in the Foster Care arena until early January when staff has gathered requested data and concluded a series of meetings with the Oregon Department of Human Services. Staff may modify its recommendations in light the additional information.

Other:

● If you missed the Allocation Committee meeting, watch it on Portland Cable Channel 30 at these times: Tuesday, Dec. 16th at 9 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 25th at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 30th at 8 p.m. and Sunday Jan., 4 at 6 p.m. Future meetings will be posted on the website. 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
