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### Portland Children's Levy Allocation Committee Meeting Recap

Monday, Dec. 14th, 2009

#### THIS ISSUE

"Leftover" funds allocated

Discussion continues on Draft Leverage Fund guidelines

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#### \$1.2 M in additional funds allocated

The Allocation Committee awarded \$1.2 million in additional funding to eight organizations in Levy investment areas of After School, Mentoring, Child Abuse Prevention/Intervention and Early Childhood. The new grants were possible because of funds leftover after contract negotiations were completed on the most recent grant awards, as well as funds remaining from the previous Levy.

The funding, about \$400,000 per year through June 30, 2012, was allocated to:

- Northwest Family Services Latino Family Empowerment Project, \$243,247.
- Metropolitan Family Services SUN program at Harold Oliver Primary School, \$209,000.
- Campfire USA Portland Metro Council's SUN program at a TBA site in David Douglas School District, \$209,000.
- Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization's African Immigrant Mentoring program, \$160,073.
- Friendly House Project Return (after-school program for homeless children), \$137,500.

- Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center's mentoring program, \$125,000.
- Latino Network's Juntos Aprendemos early childhood program, \$66,000.
- Catholic Charities El Programa Hispano/Parent Child Involvement Project, \$50,000.

The grants were awarded based on parameters previously agreed upon by the Allocation Committee that prioritized:

New Full-Service After-School programs since this area was the most competitive category for funding and had the most dollars requested compared to dollars available. "New" programs refers to programs that have not received Levy funds in the past.

Programs that are both new and culturally specific since the bulk of new Levy funding went to sustain current programming.

Additional funds for current grantees that provide culturally specific programs.

## Discussion continues on Leverage Fund

The Allocation Committee took **no** action on **draft** Leverage Fund guidelines, with members saying they needed more time to review them. The Committee will resume discussion about the guidelines at its next meeting: Friday, Jan. 15th, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

While the Committee supported the general framework of the draft guidelines, members raised various questions on the grant award minimums, in-kind matches and local government applicant eligibility guidelines.

The **draft** guidelines are posted on the Levy website homepage. To view, go to <http://www.childrensinvestmentfund.org/reports/Handout.Leverage%20Fund%20Guidelines.12.8.09>.

## Stay informed on future Allocation Committee meetings

Allocation Committee meetings are open to the public and community members are welcome to attend.

and comment on agenda items.

The Committee comprises: City Commissioner and Chair Dan Saltzman; city-appointed representative Alissa Keny-Guyer; county-appointed representative Adrienne Livingston; Portland Business Alliance representative Ron Beltz; and Multnomah County Commissioner Ted Wheeler.

The next Allocation Committee meeting is Friday, Jan. 15th, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers. A reminder and agenda will be posted on the Levy website and e-mailed to the Levy datab prior to the meeting.

Check the Levy website in the coming weeks at [www.portlandchildrenslevy.org](http://www.portlandchildrenslevy.org) for updates.

### Want to view the Dec. 14th meeting?

Watch it on cable channel CityNet 30 at these times: 6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 20th and 5 p.m., Monday, Dec. 21st.

You can also view it on Portland Online:

<http://www.portlandonline.com/index.cfm?c=28260&a=276926>

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### Who we are

The Portland Children's Levy, formerly the Children's Investment Fund, was created by city voters in 2002 and overwhelmingly renewed by the electorate in Fall 2008.

The Levy is supported through a five-year property tax projected to annually generate more than \$12 million toward proven programs across the city serving 16,000 children and their families in areas of Early Childhood, After School, Mentoring, Child Abuse Prevention/Intervention and Foster Care.

The Levy is annually audited and administrative costs do not exceed 5 percent.

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