



Invest a Minute

Allocation Committee Meeting Summary/July 19th, 2005

Members

City Commissioner Dan Saltzman; Clara Padilla Andrews, owner and publisher of El Hispanic News; Ron Beltz, a businessman who represents the Portland Business Alliance; and Dr. David Willis, a developmental pediatrician with the Northwest Early Childhood Institute. County Commissioner Lisa Naito was absent.

Action

✓ The committee approved nearly \$10 million in future investments for 18 current early childhood programs, adding to the \$6.7 million already being spent in this area. The investments for the programs cover a 33-month period from October 2005 through June 2008. The investments were renewed after lengthy staff site visits and program performance assessment.

Grantees had to meet a variety of requirements, including contract compliance in the number of children they serve and their scope of services, as well as satisfying budget and independent audit criteria. All of the Children's Investment Fund grantees were in compliance with contract requirements.

The renewals, which must be approved by Portland City Council and the Multnomah County Commission, include Albertina Kerr Centers' Early Intervention Program, Albina Early Head Start, Cascade AIDS Project's Kids Connection, Childcare Improvement Project, Friendly House Preschool, Housing Authority of Portland's Early Literacy Program, Insights Teen Parent Program, IRCO's Children's Investment Program, Morrison Child and Family Services' Early Childhood Consultation and Prevention Services and Morrison's Listos Para Aprender, Mt. Hood Community College Head Start at Gateway, Native American Rehabilitation Association's Star Shield Family Wellness, Neighborhood House Early Oregon Pre-Kindergarten, OCHA's Portland Ninos, Peninsula Children's Center CHIF Scholarship Program, Portland Community College Child Development Center, Portland Impact Parent Child Development Services and Portland Public School's Head Start Program at Kelly Center.

Next meeting

✓ The next meeting of the Children's Investment Fund will be from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9th at Council Chambers in City Hall, 1221 SW 4th Ave. Agenda items include renewal for child abuse prevention and intervention grantees and decisions on the limited RFI for early childhood development.

Background

Since Portland voters created the Children's Investment Fund in 2002, nearly \$16 million has been distributed to 50 different proven programs at 42 organizations across the city. These

two-year investments include about \$6.7 million in early childhood programs; \$3.1 million for child abuse and prevention/intervention programs; and \$6.2 million for after-school and mentoring programs. The Children's Investment Fund recently invested an additional \$2 million in after-school/mentoring programs, scheduled to begin in July. The Fund is annually audited and administrative costs do not exceed 5 percent.

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