



Invest a Minute

Allocation Committee Meeting Summary: May 18th, 2009
Portland City Hall Council Chambers, 1221 SW 4th Ave.

Members:

Present: Allocation Committee Chair and Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman; Ron Beltz, representing 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 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.

Upcoming Allocation Committee funding decision meetings are:*

2:30 to 6 p.m., Monday, June 1st: Funding meeting for Child Abuse Prevention/Intervention and Foster Care programs.

1 to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 9th: Funding meeting for Early Childhood programs.

Both of the above Allocation Committee meetings will be in City Hall Council Chambers. Agendas will be posted on the CHIF website a few days before the meetings and e-mail reminders will be sent out as well. The meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend. There will be time allotted for public testimony at the meetings.

*Organizations that have submitted Request for Investments need to attend their respective funding meeting. The best person to attend is the program director who can answer questions, in any arise, from the Allocation Committee.

Grant readers: Thank you for all your hard work! You are not required to attend the Allocation Committee meetings.

Action:

✓ The Portland Children's Investment Fund Monday allocated \$12.3 million to 30 After-School and Mentoring programs benefiting Portland children.

The investments span a 36-month period from July 2009 through June 2012. These investments help students stay engaged in school and safe after school through:

- Quality programs to promote academic achievement in core subject areas and music, art and athletics
- Positive and consistent adult and peer role models
- Tutoring, homework assistance, community service and college prep activities

More than 50 program applications totaling over \$41 million competed for \$12.3 million worth of funding. The programs selected include current investees, as well as new ones representing programs serving all quadrants of the city.

Allocation Committee members expressed their thanks to all of the organizations submitting applications and applauded their efforts in working to improve the lives of Portland youth.

Eleven organizations receiving \$4.7 million in Mentoring program investments are: Friends of the Children, \$1.2 million; Big Brothers Big Sisters Community Based program, \$592,796; Metropolitan Family Services \$535,667; Boys and Girls Aid, \$483,736; Lutheran Community Services, \$400,000; Impact Northwest, \$380,934; Big Brothers Big Sisters School Based program, \$348,044; Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO), \$255,795; SMART, \$220,000; Trillium Family Services, \$182,000; Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center, \$109,000.

Nine organizations receiving \$2 million in After School Enrichment program investments are: Ethos Music Center, \$368,313; Saturday Academy, \$322,537; Oregon Health Career Center, \$251,500; Oregon Outreach, \$251,032; Community Cycling Center, \$207,000; Girls Inc., \$192,000; Tears of Joy Theatre, \$179,000; Chess for Success, \$150,000; The Children's Course, \$93,600.

Ten organizations receiving \$5.58 million in After-School Full Service program investments are: Self Enhancement, Inc. \$1.2 million; Open Meadow, \$787,000; IRCO, \$722,871; Impact Northwest (SUN Schools), \$618,180; Campfire USA (SUN Schools), \$618,180; Native American Youth Association, \$500,000; Boys & Girls Clubs, \$450,000; Metropolitan Family Services (SUN Schools), \$275,523; Neighborhood House (SUN Schools), \$231,817; Northwest Family Services, \$153,940.

Other:

- The Children's Investment Fund was created by Portland voters in 2002 and renewed as the Children's Levy 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 in areas of early childhood, after school, mentoring, child abuse prevention and intervention and foster care.

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

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See our website at www.childrensinvestmentfund.org