



## MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(revised 12/31/09)

### Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 11/18/2010  
Agenda Item #: R-8  
Est. Start Time: 10:40 am

**Agenda Title:** **RESOLUTION Accepting the Portland Children's Levy Recommendation to Fund Collaboration Grant for Trauma Recovery Services for High Need Families; and Offering Advice and Counsel to the City of Portland Concerning the Recommendations**

*Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.*

**Requested Meeting Date:** November 18, 2010 **Amount of Time Needed:** 5-10 minutes  
**Department:** Non-departmental **Division:** Commissioner Kafoury  
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**Presenter(s):** Commission Kafoury Meg McElroy, Assistant Director, Portland Children's Levy

### General Information

#### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approval of Resolution to accept Portland Children's Levy (PCL) recommendation and to recommend adoption to Portland City Council.

#### 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

The Portland Children's Levy was authorized by Portland voters in 2002 and renewed in Fall 2008 for an additional five years to fund proven children's programs within the City. The ballot language authorizing the Children's Levy requires that investments be made in early childhood programs, child abuse prevention and intervention programs, programs for children in foster care, and after-school and mentoring programs.

After the Levy was renewed, a competitive funding process was held for each of the program areas. In addition, the Levy Allocation Committee designated \$500,000 of Levy revenues for Collaboration Grants in an effort to leverage additional resources to fund efforts in PCL's program areas. The objective of the Collaboration Grants would be to seek and generate intentional collaborations with other funders to achieve a policy goal(s) in the Levy's five program areas by

jointly funding services, capacity building, or improvements in service systems.

The Allocation Committee designated a Collaboration Committee of local funders to guide and advise the Collaboration Grants effort. The Committee also created framework against which potential projects are screened.

PCL is requesting that the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners accept the recommendation of the Allocation Committee to fund an investment of \$100,000 over three years in Trauma Recovery Services for High Needs Families. Portland State University's Regional Research Institute is the applicant, in partnership with Impact NW and Catholic Charities. The Gates Foundation has agreed to provide \$225,000 of funding over three years, conditioned on PSU raising local matching funds.

The project focuses on providing group psychotherapy and case management services to 30 chronically homeless mothers annually. The mothers have a history of trauma that has significantly impaired their ability to provide for and parent their children. The service model, Trauma Recovery Empowerment Model (TREM) is an evidence-based practice recognized by SAMHSA. The goal of the program is to increase trauma recovery skills in mothers, stabilize housing for the families, and reduce the risk of abuse/neglect and exposure to violence for the children. In addition, PSU will also provide training regarding trauma-informed service delivery to partner agencies, and to other agencies who have a role in the families lives, building local capacity among service agencies to provide trauma-informed services.

Additional information about the Collaboration Grants, including the Collaboration Committee and its Collaboration Grants framework, and the Trauma Recovery Services project are outlined in the attached memo entitled "Request for County Board Acceptance".

**3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).**

No fiscal impact to County.

**4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.**

No legal issues involved; supports policies previously set by the Board.

**5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.**

This is a multi-jurisdictional effort that has involved community stakeholders.

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected Official or  
Department/  
Agency Director:**



**Date: 11/08/2010**

