



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST NOTICE OF INTENT

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Meeting Date: 7/15/2010
Agenda Item #: R-2
Est. Start Time: 9:40 am

Agenda Title: NOTICE OF INTENT to submit a \$450,000 Grant Request to the Federal Department of Education for Full-Service Community Schools

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:	Next Available	Amount of Time Needed:	5 minutes
Department:	County Human Services	Division:	SUN Service System
Contact(s):	Peggy Samolinski		
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Presenter(s):	Peggy Samolinski		
I/O Address:	167/2/200		

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Authorize the Department of County Human Services (DCHS) to submit a grant application to the federal Department of Education for up to \$450,000 per year, for 5 years, to support the implementation of a new comprehensive SUN Community School at David Douglas High School.

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 Federal government reauthorized legislation authorizing the Department of Education to appropriate \$5 million to develop and implement Full-Service Community Schools across the United States. The Department, through our close affiliation with the Coalition for Community Schools, has been a supporter of this legislation; the Coalition's efforts were instrumental in both keeping this legislation alive as it wound its way through the legislative process and in getting it passed again. It is the second time the Federal government has appropriated funds specifically for Community Schools.

The DCHS, through the SUN Service System and our collaborative partners, currently supports fifty-nine (59) SUN Community Schools across Multnomah County. The work of the cross jurisdictional SUN Service System Coordinating Council (the Council) has

identified the need for the expansion of the number of SUN Community Schools, in particular in East Multnomah County where population and poverty are rising at a rapid pace. The commitment is to expand SUN Community Schools but not at the expense of other school sites; in other words, to maintain the SUN Community Schools in place now, and seek resources to expand where that may be possible. The Council has developed a “poverty index” to rank the schools across the county in terms of their poverty level and thus their “need” for services.

The high school identified for this grant application – David Douglas High School (in the David Douglas School District) - is the highest poverty high school in Multnomah County without a SUN Community School. It is also the largest high school with just over 2,900 students in the 2010 school year. Specific services proposed in the grant are derived first from the list of “allowable” services in the Federal Register, and align with the identified core services developed by the High School Workgroup convened on behalf of the Education Cabinet & and the SUN Coordinating Council over this past year. This grant, if funded would provide for: SUN Community School services, coordinated on-site case management, parent support and outreach, credit retrieval and tutoring, and support for students who have been suspended or expelled from the high school. Leveraged resources will also enhance the SUN Community School: the Health Department’s School Based Health Clinic is moving into David Douglas High School in the fall of 2010 and brings with it part-time mental health consultant capacity. The District is contributing \$45,000 in cash resources to fully fund the service package.

This grant affects FY11 Program Offer 25145A - SUN Community Schools. Over 200 additional youth and families will be served if funded. We will extend our current evaluation efforts to this site. The existing outcomes, (credits earned, Grade Point Average, improved attendance and classroom behavior, and youth development asset growth), will all be measured for students and families participating in services.

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

This grant will allow the SUN Service System to implement one new SUN Community School site in east Multnomah County, namely David Douglas High School.

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

None

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

The selection of this school site is a recommendation from the SUN Service System Coordinating Council, a cross jurisdictional advisory body for the SUN Service System. The Council has recommended the partners use a “priority index” when determining the poverty ranking of schools in the County for the purposes of service/site placement. The Council supports the work of the Education Cabinet which has, as its primary goal, to increase high school graduation rates. The integration of SUN Community School at David Douglas High School promotes these goals.

The Council, by its very nature, involves the key partners in the SUN Service System: the City of Portland (the Mayor’s office and Parks and Recreation), business partners, non-profit organizations, school districts, a youth representative and County representatives.

Likewise, we have worked closely with the school district, the high school principal, and the potential contractor in developing the grant application and the service specifications.

ATTACHMENT A

Grant Application/Notice of Intent

If the request is a Grant Application or Notice of Intent, please answer all of the following in detail:

- **Who is the granting agency?**

Department of Education, Office of Innovation and Improvement

- **Specify grant (matching, reporting and other) requirements and goals.**

No match is required.

- **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?**

This is a federal grant first time appropriation for \$4.9 million for Full-Service Community Schools. Each award is a 5 year commitment with the opportunity to re-apply as the first cycle ends.

- **What are the estimated filing timelines?**

The deadline to submit the grant application is July 23, 2010.

- **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**

The grant, if awarded, will be for 5 years. Likely October 2010 – 2015.

- **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**

The partners in this grant – Multnomah County, David Douglas School District, Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization and Catholic Charities El Programa Hispano – are all committed to securing additional resources to maintain the services at this school site. This is never an easy task, however, and the partners acknowledge the inherent future risk should this grant be funded. At the same time, all committed to take on this effort knowing the future beyond 5 years of funding is uncertain. Collectively we will pursue public and private funds to retain the entire package of services beyond the life of the grant.

- **Is 100% of the central and departmental indirect recovered? If not, please explain why.**

We will request grant funds to cover the indirect and other central costs, to the extent allowable

ATTACHMENT B

Required Signatures

Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:



Date: 07/02/10



7/2/10

Budget Analyst:

Date: _____