



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(revised 12/31/09)

## Board Clerk Use Only

**Meeting Date:** 7/8/2010  
**Agenda Item #:** R-4  
**Est. Start Time:** 10:20 am  
**Date Submitted:** 6/28/2010

**Agenda Title:** **RESOLUTION** Accepting the Portland Children's Levy Allocation Plan 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:** July 8, 2010 **Amount of Time Needed:** 5-10 minutes  
**Department:** Non-Departmental **Division:** Commissioner Kafoury  
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**Presenter(s):** Commissioner Deborah Kafoury; Lisa Hansell, Grant Manager, 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) recommendations 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 \$2,500,000 of Levy revenues for Challenge Grants in an effort to leverage additional resources to fund services in PCL's program areas. Challenge grants provide the opportunity for provider-initiated projects that seek to leverage Levy funds with private and other public dollars.

Challenge grants could be 2 to 4 years in length, were for a minimum of \$250,000 from Levy funds,

and required a 1:1 match of Levy funds requested by applicants. At least 50% of the match had to be cash and up to 50% was allowable from in-kind sources.

PCL is requesting that the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners accept the recommendations of the Allocation Committee to fund the investments in the after school, early childhood and child abuse prevention and intervention programs in the amounts outlined in the attached memo entitled "Request for County Board Acceptance".

The additional investments will support a new after school program for an alternative high school and a culturally specific after school program; an early literacy program; an eastern expansion of relief nursery services; services for pregnant and parenting homeless teens; abuse & neglect and juvenile delinquency prevention services; improvements in childcare quality; culturally specific abuse & neglect prevention services; and sexual abuse treatment services.

**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.

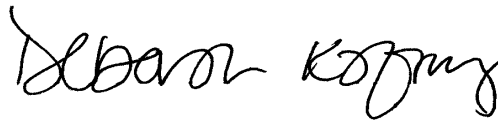
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**Required Signature**

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

**Commissioner Deborah Kafoury**



**Date: 6/28/10**