

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-055

Accepting the Portland Children's Levy Recommendation to Renew Competitive Grants and to Reduce Leverage Fund Challenge Grant Funding and to Offer Guidance to the City of Portland Concerning the Recommendations.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. In 2002 the citizens of the City of Portland authorized a five-year property tax levy to fund proven children's programs within the City.
- b. In November 2008 voters approved a renewal of the local option property tax levy to continue supporting the Portland Children's Levy to make targeted investments in proven programs in early childhood, child abuse prevention and intervention, foster care, after-school and mentoring.
- c. A competitive funding process was held in 2009 for each of the program areas. The Levy's Allocation Committee voted on investments; grants were made for three years and eligible for renewal pending performance and available resources.
- d. In December 2008 the Allocation Committee of the Portland Children's Levy also voted to set aside \$3 million for a Leverage Fund in an effort to leverage additional private and public resources to fund services in PCL's program areas. In June 2010 the Portland Children's Levy awarded funds totaling \$2,500,000 (over four years) for challenge grants to 9 early childhood, child abuse prevention and intervention, and after-school programs.
- e. For the annual period FY12 the Levy investments in competitive grants and Leverage Fund challenge grants totaled approximately \$12.9 million.
- f. In January 2012 the City Economist, Josh Harwood, provided revised revenue projected significant decreases in revenue for the final two years of the levy. The Levy's declining revenue resulted in an average of 27.5% less funding available for all grants for fiscal year 2012/13.
- g. In April 2012 the Allocation Committee voted to renew most competitive grants at reduced funding levels and to discontinue some grants. The Committee voted to reduce funding for Leverage Fund challenge grants and to discontinue one grant. Reductions were necessary to bring grant expenditures in line with revenue projections. The Committee also voted to renew competitive grants for a one-year period from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, with the possibility of an additional year of funding in Fiscal Year 2013-14. Renewed competitive grants and revised Leverage Fund grant investments total approximately \$9.3 million for FY13.

- h. The Board of County Commissioners, through its expertise and experience in children's policy and administration, provides the City Council with advice and guidance. In the past the Board has made recommendations regarding allocations for early childhood care and education, for child abuse prevention and intervention programs, services to support children in foster care and for after school and mentoring programs. The Board is now making recommendations to renew competitive grants and to reduce funding for Leverage Fund challenge grants.

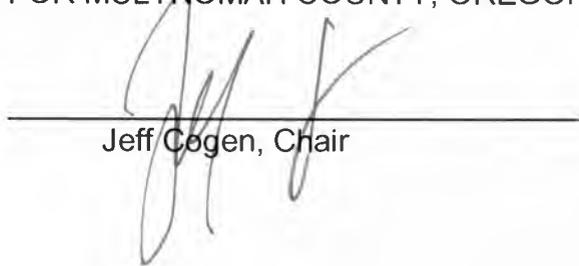
The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. The Board accepts the attached recommendation and request from the Portland Children's Levy to renew competitive grants for one year period from July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 and to reduce Leverage Fund challenge grants.
2. Furthermore, the Board forwards the recommendation, with its own recommendation for adoption, to the Portland City Council for its consideration.

ADOPTED this 17th day of May 2012



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON



Jeff Cogen, Chair

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By 

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SUBMITTED BY: Jeff Cogen, Multnomah County Chair.

Exhibit A: 2008 Children's Levy Ballot Measure

Measure 26-94

Renew five-year levy for Children's Investment Fund

Question

Shall Portland continue supporting child abuse prevention, foster children, early childhood, after-school programs, renewing five-year levy starting 2009? This measure may cause property taxes to increase by more than 3 percent.

Summary

Measure would continue financing Children's Investment Fund to support proven programs designed to help children arrive at school ready to learn, provide safe and constructive after-school alternatives for kids, helps foster children and prevent child abuse and neglect and family violence.

This Children's Investment Fund can only be used for:

- Child abuse prevention and intervention, addressing juvenile crime, school failure, drug and alcohol abuse and homeless youth.
- Early childhood programs making childcare more affordable and prepare children for success in school.
- After-school, summer and mentoring programs: promoting academic achievement, reducing the number of juveniles victimized by crime and increasing graduation rates.
- Children in foster care programs: helping foster children succeed who have been abused and neglected.

Accountability measures include:

- Programs funded must be cost effective and have a proven record of success.
- Investment fund subject to oversight by a citizen committee
- Investment fund subject to annual audits.
- Administrative costs cannot exceed 5 percent.

Levy is \$0.4026 per \$1,000 of assessed property value and produces an estimated \$14 million per year for five years.

RENEWAL INFORMATION SUMMARY

Grantee Organization Name:	Grantee Program Name:
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Service Description

Annual Service Goal:	
Current Annual Budget:	
Culturally Specific Program: No/ Yes	Percent of Children Served from E Portland: %

Program Performance Review

1. Service Goals <i>Staff Comments:</i>	No Concerns	Concerns
2. Early Exits <i>Staff Comments:</i>	Low Average	High
3. Participation & Service Utilization <i>Staff Comments:</i>	High Average	Low
4. Staff Turnover <i>Staff Comments:</i>	Low Average	High
5. Outcome Goals Met <i>Staff Comments:</i>	All	Most Some Few

Financial Review

Average % of budget unspent over last 2 years: %	
Audit Tool Results (6 metrics) <i>Staff Comments:</i>	Met of 6

Policy Issues

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Staff Recommendation

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GRANTEE:

	GRANTEE 2 Year Average: % of goal achieved	GRANTEE FY 12 Data to Date: % of goal achieved
1. Service Goals		
Component 1		
# Served		
Amount of Service Offered		
Component 2		
# Served		
Amount of Service Offered		
Component 3		
# Served		
Amount of Service Offered		

	2 Year Average %	2 Year Average Rate for Levy	2 Year Average Rate for Program Area
2. Early Exits			

	2 Year Average: % of participants who met participation threshold or utilization goal	2 Year Average Rate for Levy	2 Year Average Rate for Program Area	IF APPLICABLE: 2 Year Average Rate for Similar Programs in Program Area
3. Participation/ Utilization				
Threshold for Outcomes				

	GRANTEE 2 Year Average: % of Levy-supported positions turned-over	2 Year Average Rate for Levy	2 Year Average Rate for Program Area
4. Staff Turnover			

	GRANTEE 2 Year Average: % of outcome goals met	2 Year Average Rate for Levy	2 Year Average Rate for Program Area
5. Outcomes			