

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Accepting the Portland Children's Levy Recommendation to Fund Collaboration Grants and 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. In December 2008 the Allocation Committee of the Portland Children's Levy 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.
- d. The Allocation Committee voted January 2010 to allocate \$500,000 of the Leverage Fund to support Collaboration Grants with the objective 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.
- e. In February 2011 the Portland Children's Levy awarded funds totaling ~~\$150,000~~ (over three years) for Collaboration Grants to five initiatives.
- f. The City of Portland and Multnomah County entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement to make certain that the funds received from the Levy are allocated in a manner complementary with a coordinated and comprehensive plan, and to ensure accountability and equity throughout the system. As part of the agreement, the City of Portland created the Children's Levy Allocation Committee to provide citizen oversight of the Levy.
- g. Furthermore, 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 make additional investments in collaboration grants to achieve a policy goal(s) in the Levy's five program areas by jointly funding services, capacity building, or improvements in service systems.

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**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:**

- 1. The Board accepts the attached recommendation and request from the Portland Children's Levy for investments in collaboration grants to achieve a policy goal(s) in the Levy's five program areas by jointly funding services, capacity building, or improvements in service systems.
- 2. Furthermore, the Board forwards the recommendation, with its own recommendation for adoption, to the Portland City Council for its consideration.

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ADOPTED this 21st day of April, 2011

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Jeff Cogen, Chair

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Jeff Cogen, Multnomah County Chair