



## MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 8/18/11)

### Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 8-28-12  
Agenda Item #: B.3  
Est. Start Time: 10:50 am  
Date Submitted: 8/22/12

### Agenda Title: Informational Board Briefing on Summer Youth Connect

*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:	August 28, 2012	Time Needed:	15 minutes
Department:	Non-Departmental	Division:	District 2
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):	Bryan Hockaday, Community Liaison, Office of Commissioner Smith, and Invited Guests		

### General Information

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

n/a

#### 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.

Summer Youth Connect (SYC) was founded in 1998 to provide paid summer internships for students to promote career pathways and prevent student dropouts. It is part of the County's broader Economic Development Program that seeks to drive countywide economic development policy, expand relationships with Multnomah County businesses and promote job creation as well as a competitive workforce. In 2012, 51 SYC interns were placed in 28 divisions across six departments, as well as at eight SUN Community Schools. This year, Multnomah County also partnered with four members of the newly formed Business Advisory Committee who supported SYC financially or by hosting an intern.

Both Multnomah County and the City of Portland contract with Worksystems Inc. to coordinate the logistics of matching worksites with youth. Many other community organizations play a significant role in supporting youth both throughout the summer and into the school year, including Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center (POIC) and the Immigrant Refugee Resource Center (IRCO).

This briefing will provide additional information about the successes of the program as well as short testimonials from interns about their Summer Youth Connect experience.

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

Summer Youth Connect was funded at \$100,000 in Program Offer #10035B. Each internship costs \$3,000, of which Multnomah County pays \$2,000. The additional \$50,000 is leveraged from community partners. Because the Board of County Commissioners provided this funding in the FY13 budget, the number of interns at Multnomah County grew from 25 in 2011 to 50 in 2012.

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

n/a

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

The City of Portland hosted 96 interns during the summer of 2012.

**Required Signature**

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**Elected  
Official or  
Department  
Director:**

Loretta Smith /s/

**Date:**

8-23-12