



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 6/21/11
Agenda Item #: B.3
Est. Start Time: 11:30 am
Date Submitted: 6/9/11

Agenda Title: Informational Board Briefing on Community 101 Grantmaking Program for High School Students.

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: 6/21/2011 **Amount of Time Needed:** 30 minutes
Department: Non-Departmental **Division:** District 2
Contact(s): Althea Gregory
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Jennesa Datema, Community 101 Coordinator, Oregon Community Foundation, and invited guests

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Informational Board briefing.

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.

Community 101 is a program of The Oregon Community Foundation, with major support from the PGE Foundation. It is a classroom-based program that gives students opportunities to be involved in their communities through grant-making and volunteering.

A class receives a \$5,000 allocation for grant-making in the areas of education, healthy families, environment, or arts and culture. Students identify community needs, decide where to focus, research nonprofits, conduct site visits, review grant applications, and make funding decisions. At the end of the term, they present their grant awards. The entire \$5,000 allocation goes to the community. Frequently, businesses or individual donors sponsor a classroom by providing the \$5,000. In this way, they can support their local communities and also encourage youth philanthropy and civic engagement.

As part of the program, students must volunteer two to five hours per month at community nonprofits, bringing them even closer to community issues.

Used by teachers in high school classrooms throughout Oregon, Community 101 lends itself to

instructional use in civic engagement, global literacy, critical thinking, public speaking, use of technology, and community involvement. Students learn creatively about their community and how to address problems.

Community 101 satisfies the Oregon Department of Education's new essential skills requirements for an Oregon diploma.

In 2010-2011, a number of schools in Multnomah County participated in the program, including: David Douglas High School, Lincoln High School, Open Meadow High School, Parkrose High School PACE, Roosevelt High School, Portland YouthBuilders, Harriet Tubman Young Women's Academy, Wilson High School, Centennial High School, and Reynolds High School.

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

N/A

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.

In 2010-2011, approximately 2,000 students from 71 Oregon schools awarded over \$355,000 to nonprofits in their communities. Community 101 students also contributed 16,000 community service hours throughout the state. The program involves collaboration of schools, businesses, and charitable organizations.

Required Signature

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



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