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**Portland Children's Levy Allocation Committee Meeting Recap
July 6th, 2015**

Allocation Committee approves more than \$500,000 for Portland children

The PCL Allocation Committee approved \$541,000 in two-year allocations to both new and current programs, including a new mentoring investment: College Possible/David Douglas High School Program. College Possible provides intensive coaching to assist low-income high school juniors and seniors in entering college.

Allocations were made based on multiple factors the AC directed staff to analyze for all 2014 applicants and current grantees, and included percentage of request awarded, application score, current performance and Levy-wide goals for investment in culturally specific programs. PCL staff also provided data around racial, ethnic and income disparities and how applicants and current grantees could best meet those needs.

PCL was able to make the most recent funding allocations because of an additional and unexpected \$8.1 million in revenue available for grants over the next two fiscal years through 2017. The AC had agreed that the funds will be allocated without a full Request For Investment process for several reasons, including the time and work the process entails for applicants, committee and staff, the conclusion of an RFI process less than one year ago, and that the lengthy RFI process would delay disbursement of funds.

At previous meetings, the AC approved allocating funds to Head Start/Oregon Pre-K expansion; financial assistance for working families to access childcare at a reduced cost; and investing in three new hunger relief programs and three new child abuse prevention/intervention programs, as well as current grantees.

Funding was also earmarked to support system partners throughout the community. In addition, the Committee OK'd \$465,000 for COLAs of 2.1 percent for current grantees for FYs 2015-16 and 2016-17.

Stay Informed about upcoming AC Meetings/Contact AC members

There are currently no future AC meetings planned. Notice/agenda will be sent via the PCL list serve prior to any meeting, as well as posted on the Levy website at www.portlandchildrenslevy.org

AC meetings are open to the public and community members are welcome to attend and comment on agenda items. Portland City Hall is located at 1221 SW 4th Ave.

AC members are: City Commissioner and AC Chair Dan Saltzman; Multnomah County Commission Chair Deborah Kafoury; city-appointed representative Julie S. Young; county-appointed representative Serena Stoudamire-Wesley; and Portland Business Alliance representative Mitch Hornecker.

Emails for the AC members can be found on the PCL website by clicking [here](#).

Missed Monday's Allocation Committee meeting?

Watch the Monday, July 6th AC meeting on cable channel CityNet 30 at these times: 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 7th; and 9 a.m. Friday, July 10th.

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Who we are

The Portland Children's Levy was created by city voters in 2002 and overwhelmingly renewed by the electorate in Fall 2008 and Spring 2013. Funding for the new five-year Levy began July 1, 2014 and added hunger relief as a new funding area.

The Levy is supported through a property tax paid by city of Portland homeowners and projected to generate \$12 million annually toward proven programs across the city serving more than 10,000 children and their families in areas of Early Childhood, After School, Mentoring, Child Abuse Prevention/Intervention, Foster Care and Hunger Relief.

The Levy is annually audited and administrative costs do not exceed 5 percent.

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