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Portland Children's Levy Allocation Committee Meeting Recap

Feb. 4th, 2019

Mayor Ted Wheeler, AC Chair | Lisa Pellegrino, Levy Director

Meeting News

Updates: Funding Process Improvement Report & Community Engagement Outreach Effort

A [Grantmaking Improvement study](#) by Portland State University offered 30 recommendations to improve the way the Levy conducts its grantmaking process, including increasing transparency and/or equity practices throughout the process.

The [PSU team](#) presented its findings at Monday's AC meeting after having spent the past few months reviewing the four major phases of the Levy grantmaking process: pre-proposal, proposal, review of proposal and allocation. To do so, the team evaluated Levy grantmaking materials and interviewed past applicants, local funders and AC members.

This initiative, and the [Community Engagement project](#) discussed below, will shape how and what the Levy invests in during the next competitive funding round (2019-20).

In discussing the PSU report with AC members, Levy staff noted that the recommendations range in complexity; for example, improved communication methods with applicants about the funding and application

process would be a relatively easy task. Other recommendations, including one to establish a small grants fund for emerging organizations, are more complex. Staff will work with the AC during the next five months to sequence consideration and prioritization of the findings. Staff anticipates the AC will begin making decisions on some recommendations at the [next AC meeting March 18th](#), with other decisions coming at soon-to-be scheduled meetings in April, May and June.

In related news, Levy staff provided an update on the [Community Engagement Process](#). Goals of the 2018 Community Engagement Process are to:

- Understand perspectives from diverse stakeholders about the most effective and most needed services for children, especially children most affected by historical inequities.
- Identify community solutions to improve outcomes for children and families.
- Cultivate positive relationships with traditionally marginalized populations.
- Promote community understanding of Portland Children's Levy funding process, services funded and demographics of children and families served.

[Empress Rules](#) has been gathering questionnaires, conducting surveys and holding focus groups throughout the city for several months, focusing on participants from marginalized communities. Data from these activities will be collected and analyzed for a final report scheduled to be presented to the AC by mid-April, 2019. The report will include findings and recommendations related to program service needs and proposed programming solutions for each of PCL's six program areas.

In other matters, Levy staff presented highlights from the annual data report: "[Investment Expectations, Results and Implications, 2017-18.](#)" An executive summary can be found on Page 4.

And finally, the Levy announced [two new AC members](#) at the meeting: [Mayor Ted Wheeler](#), who took over as chair from former City Commissioner Dan Saltzman, and [Multnomah County Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson](#), who takes the seat vacated by [Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury](#). We welcome both; thank Chair Kafoury for her years of service, and give a shout out to Levy champion Dan Saltzman, with the hope he is enjoying retirement!

Upcoming AC meeting info

The [next Allocation Committee meeting](#) will be Monday, March 18th from 3-5 p.m. Agendas will be sent to the PCL database and posted on the PCL website the week prior the meeting.

Miss Tuesday's AC meeting?

Watch the Monday, Feb. 4th AC meeting on cable channel CityNEt 30 at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5th and 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11th.

You can also watch the meeting on the YouTube link below:

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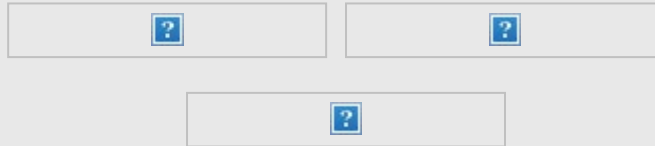
The Portland Children's Levy was created by city voters in 2002 and overwhelmingly renewed for the third time by the electorate in May 2018. Funding for the new five-year Levy begins July 1, 2019 and runs through June 30, 2024.

The Levy is supported through a property tax paid by City of Portland homeowners that generates \$19 million toward investments in proven programs in areas of Early Childhood, After School, Mentoring, Child Abuse Prevention/Intervention, Foster Care and Hunger Relief. The Levy reaches over 8,000 children and their families annually; in addition, Levy-funded hunger relief services provide food to over 11,000 children and 9,167 parents/caregivers annually.

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

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