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## INVEST a MINUTE

Portland Children's Levy Allocation Committee Meeting Recap

March 18th, 2019

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

### Meeting News

#### **Levy Funding Process Improvement update & preview of upcoming April meeting**

The PCL Allocation Committee at its yesterday meeting agreed to explore the feasibility of a Small Grants Fund, one of several recommendations proposed in a Portland State University study on improving the Levy's grantmaking process.

While AC members expressed some reservations about how such a fund would meet all Levy legal requirements, they recognized the advantages a Small Grants Fund would bring to the community including:

- Improving equity of access to Levy funding for smaller organizations that cannot successfully compete for larger Levy grants;
- Funding organizations arising out of communities that reflect the communities they serve;
- Reaching children/families who may not be served by organizations typically funded by the Levy,;
- Building capacity in small and emerging organizations to improve

data collection and reporting so that they can compete for larger Levy grants in the future.

The PSU [Grantmaking Improvement study](#) offered 30 recommendations ranging in complexity to improve the way the Levy conducts its grantmaking process.

This study, along with a [Community Engagement project](#), the report of which will be delivered at the April 8th AC meeting, will shape how and what the Levy invests in during the next competitive funding round in 2019-20. Goals of the 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.

[An overview of the Levy's 2019-20 funding process/timeline and an FAQ can be found on the PCL website.](#)

In other matters, results of the fiscal year [2018 independent audit](#) were presented and included the Levy being in compliance with all authorizing legislation and operating beneath the 5 percent admin cap outlined in the ballot language.

Also, the AC renewed \$19 million in total grants from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 for current Levy grantees whose programs were set to expire in June. As stated above, the Levy will conduct a competitive funding round in 2019-20, with new grants beginning in July 2020. The next few AC meetings will revolve around decision-making on process changes and funding priorities/strategies before launching the new funding round in Fall 2019.

**Upcoming AC meeting info**

The [next Allocation Committee meeting](#) will be Monday, April 8th from 2 - 4 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers. Agendas will be sent to the PCL database and posted on the PCL website the week prior the meeting. Other upcoming meetings are:

- May 13th, 2 - 4 pm
- June 3rd, 2 - 4 pm
- June 17th, 2 - 4 pm

## Miss Tuesday's AC meeting?

Watch the Monday, March 18th AC meeting on cable channel CityNEt 30 at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19th and 9 a.m. Sunday, March 24th.

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

[Portland Children's Levy 2019-03-18](#)



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Allocation Committee meeting

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## Who We Are

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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