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Invest a Minute Allocation Committee Meeting Recap

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

April 8th Meeting News

PCL Community Engagement report highlights

Findings from the Community Engagement effort conducted by Empress Rules included overall recommendations for the Levy and highlights specific to each of the Levy's six programs areas. Top findings for the Levy in general were:

- Levy-funded services should be culturally relevant and responsive to the communities being served.
- Direct service staff of funded programs should reflect the cultures and speak the languages of those being served.
- Funded programs should include families in planning and evaluating programs and services.
- The Levy should include marginalized communities when allocating resources and making investment decisions.
- People most affected by historical inequities resulting from racism and discrimination should be in leadership positions at organizations, including the Levy, to improve equity of opportunity for children and families.

The Community Engagement report outlines findings and highlights for each program area. [The Full Report, an Executive Summary and an Appendix can be found on the Levy website.](#)

Between now and June, staff will work with the Allocation

Committee to establish service strategies and priorities for each funding area using this input, local data and research. Staff anticipates that the AC will make decisions about service strategies and priorities by the end of June and that a Request for Investment will be published in early Fall 2019.

Small Grants Fund

Also at the meeting, the AC gave staff the green light to continue exploring creation of a Small Grants Fund. Staff recommends setting aside \$1 million to \$1.5 million, or 1 - 1.25 percent, of projected revenues over the life of the current levy (2019-24).

The fund would:

- Improve equity of access to Levy funding for smaller organizations that cannot successfully compete for larger Levy grants;
- Fund organizations arising out of communities that reflect the communities they serve;
- Reach children/families who may not be served by organizations typically funded by the Levy;
- Build capacity in small and emerging organizations to improve data collection and reporting so that they can compete for larger Levy grants in the future.

Once established, staff would assess whether and how well the Small Grants Fund accomplishes these goals. The AC will further discuss this issue at its next meeting in May. **During the interim, we would love to hear your feedback on the current outline for the fund. Interested? Check out the [current outline](#), then [take a 1-minute survey](#).**

Upcoming AC meeting info

The next [Allocation Committee meeting](#) will be Monday, May 13th from 2 - 4 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers, 1221 SW Fourth Ave. Agendas will be sent to the PCL database and posted on the PCL website the week prior the meeting. Other upcoming meetings are:

- June 3rd, 2 - 4 pm

June 17th, 2 - 4 pm

Miss Monday's meeting?

Watch the Monday, April 8th AC meeting on cable channel CityNEt 30 at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 16th and noon, Sunday, April 21st.

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Empress Rules CEO Kheoshi Owens

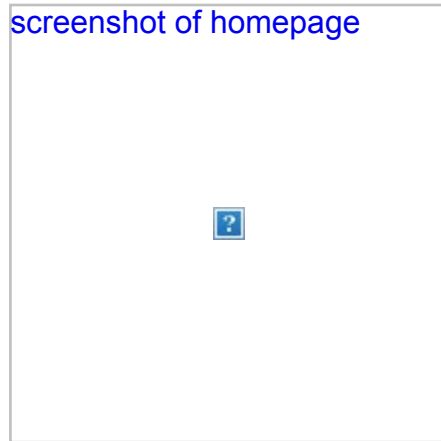
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Who We Are

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 \$21 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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