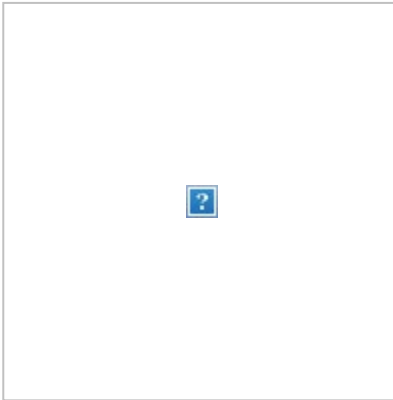


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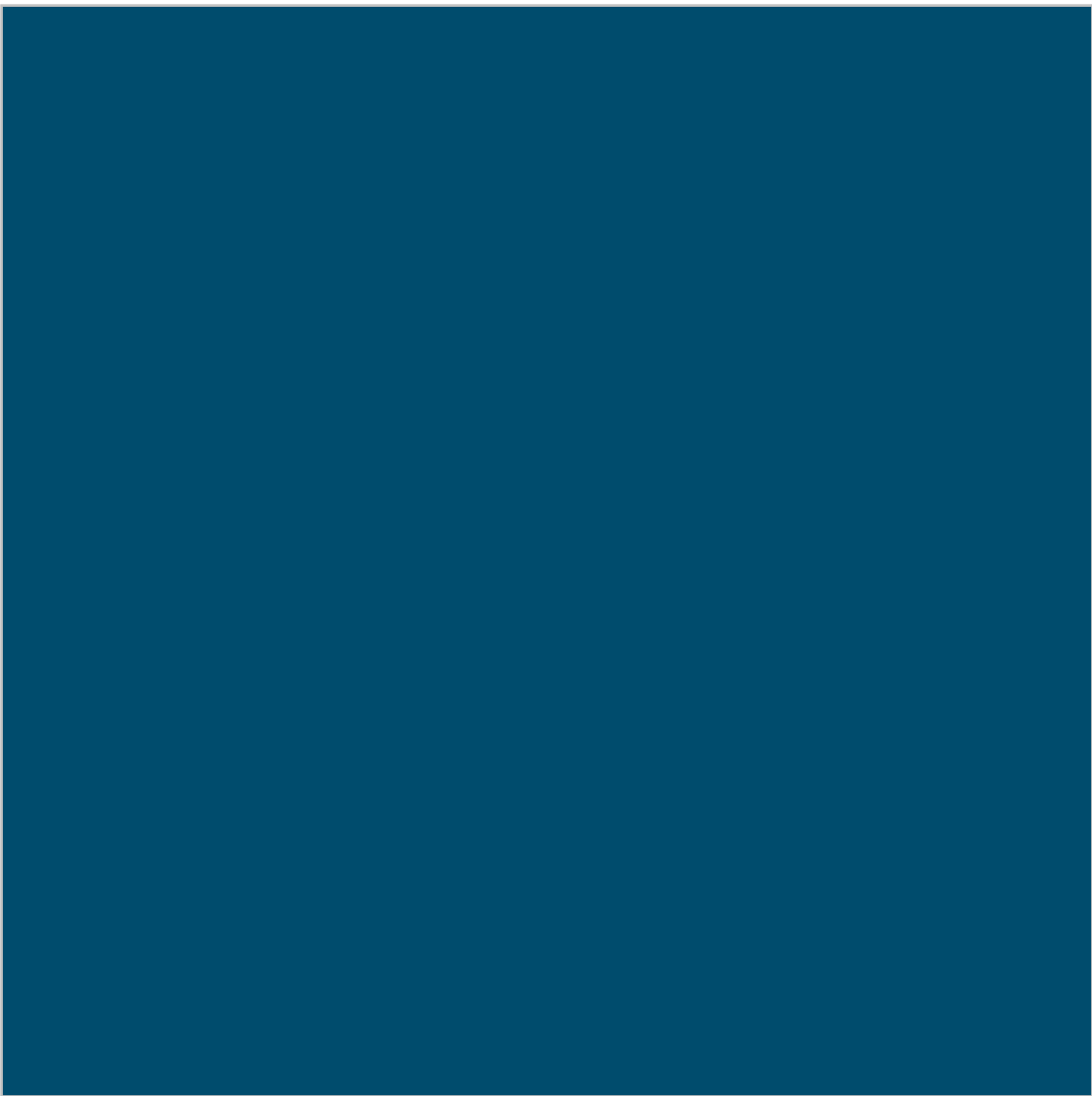


Invest a Minute Allocation Committee Recap

Mayor Ted Wheeler, AC Chair Lisa Pellegrino, Levy Director

AC Approves Community Childcare Initiative Grant





Christine Waters (left) and Deb Johnson, from Childcare Resource & Referral of Multnomah County, speak to the AC about the importance of the Community Childcare Initiative.

The Allocation Committee allocated \$5.1 million over three years (2020-2023) to continue the Community Childcare Initiative providing childcare subsidies for working families, and support for culturally specific childcare networks.

The CCI grant means Levy funding will continue to support more than 300 children with annual access to affordable, high-quality childcare. Providers participating in CCI must be licensed and participating in the state childcare quality improvement program. In addition, some of the Levy investment will support five culturally specific childcare provider networks (Somali, African

American, Latinx Spanish-speaking and Slavic.) CCI was created in 2007 with PCL funding. A recent progress report showed:

- CCI reaching its priority population: An average of 60% children of color; 20% with a primary language other than English; over 50% reside in East Portland.
- Families experiencing increased stable, quality childcare and reduced financial stress.

The AC at the Monday meeting also allocated \$1 million over three years (2020-2023) for grantee quality improvement, training and technical assistance supports. Planned supports will be reviewed by the Committee in Spring 2020.

Staff also provided the following updates:

- Applications in the current competitive funding round are due Nov. 20th;
- Volunteer grant reviewer recruitment will continue through Nov. 22nd;
- Staff hopes to have a Small Grants Fund Manager on board by December.

Miss Monday's Meeting?

Watch it on YouTube below or on cable channel CityNet 30 at 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 8th.



Mult. Co. Commissioner and AC member Jessica Vega Pederson asks a question.

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

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