

children's levy

Funding Process
Preparation

Funding Application

Community Council input on key information to request about applicant *organizations*:

- Organization purpose/mission is reflected in clients served, staff, board & community partnerships
- Organization can demonstrate impact with qualitative and quantitative information
- Fiscal responsibility



Funding Application

Community Council input on key information to request about applicant *programs*:

- Program plan: community need addressed, community engagement, people served, program activities, staffing
- Equitable outcomes: intended and actual impact
- Budget



Application Feedback: Service Providers

- Draft application/scoring criteria sent to 300 people at more than 160 organizations with feedback survey
- Survey open through end of March
- To date, survey respondents are:
 - Majority work at current grantee organization
 - Majority identify as Black, Indigenous or of Color
- Majority of respondents understand the questions and scoring criteria, and think questions are reasonable
- More variation in response on reasonableness of scoring criteria



Application Feedback: Community Council

- Overall, council members expressed reasonable satisfaction with the application
- Suggestions:
 - Continue to simplify application language
 - Ensure consistency between application questions and scoring criteria
 - Increase point value of organization purpose section from 16 to 20 points



Funding Application: Next Steps

- Incorporate service provider and community council into next draft of application and scoring criteria
- Allocation Committee review; final approval at June meeting
- Web Grants implementation





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Community Council
Update

Application Review Feedback

- Application review process suggestions:
 - Work with volunteers rather than paid grant reviewers to score applications
 - Recruit a diverse pool of volunteers with a combination of lived and professional experience
 - Consider ways to mitigate reviewer bias and score variance



Upcoming Council Meetings

- May 6: joint meeting with presentation from Camille Trummer's team on the findings from the community engagement project
- May 29: develop recommendations for funding priorities in PCL's 6 program areas
- September 16: brainstorm process by which they'll advise on funding recommendations
- November 18: decide on the process by which they'll advise on funding recommendations





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Community Engagement
Update

Background

- Community engagement process required to inform funding priorities in PCL competitive grant rounds
- PCL Community Council set goals and priority populations to engage
- Consultants hired:
 - Camille E Trummer LLC: lead consultant
 - Community Engagement Liaisons



Background

- Community engagement plan presented to Allocation Committee in December 2023
- Plan includes:
 - Survey of community members
 - Survey of service providers
 - Focus Groups
 - Interviews



Surveys

- Community Members
 - Goal: 500
 - 531 community surveys collected
 - Survey respondents spoke more than 25 languages in addition to English
- Provider Survey
 - Goal: 100-150
 - 153 provider surveys collected



Focus Groups

Focus Groups Completed

- Low-income youth, parents/caregivers
- Youth and parents/caregivers with disabilities
- Single/teen parents
- Foster care youth and parents
- LGBTQ2SIA+ youth
- Spanish-speaking youth and parents/caregivers

Focus Groups Scheduled for March

- Youth in 6th-12th grades
- Asian American and Pacific Islander parents and youth
- Black, Indigenous, people of color, immigrant and refugees
- Houseless youth, parents, and caregivers



Interviews

11 interviews complete

- 4 participants have lived or professional experience with LGBTQ2SIA youth
- 3 have experience with foster youth
- 3 work for organizations that focus on children's issues
- 2 work with youth impacted by systems, trauma, and violence
- 1 works with families and children with disabilities

