



## Request for City Council Approval

In November 2002, Portland voters approved the Portland Children's Levy (PCL). The Levy was most recently renewed by voters in May 2018 for an additional five years (2019 – 2024). The Levy generates approximately \$18-20 million annually for programs benefitting Portland children in early childhood, after-school, mentoring, child abuse prevention and intervention, foster care and hunger relief. Administrative costs for the fund are capped at 5% of revenues and the fund obtains annual audits to assure compliance with the administrative cap. A copy of the 2018 ballot language for the Children's Levy is attached as "Exhibit A: Children's Levy 2018 Ballot Language."

An Allocation Committee governs the PCL and grants funds to programs serving children and families residing in the City of Portland. The Allocation Committee is comprised of a member of City Council (Mayor Wheeler), a County Commissioner (Jessica Vega Pederson), a representative of the business community (Mitch Hornecker), a citizen member appointed by the County Board (Felicia Tripp Folsom), and a citizen member appointed by the City Council (Julie S. Young).

Current PCL grants will expire on June 30, 2019. The Allocation Committee decided to consider renewal of current grants for an additional year (FY 2019-20) to allow for a longer planning process prior to starting a competitive grant round typically conducted after the voters have renewed the Levy. The extended planning process includes a qualitative study conducted by Portland State University to recommend grantmaking process improvements, and an extended period for community engagement around needs of children and families and preferred solutions. The Allocation Committee considered renewal for current grantees at their March 2019 meeting. PCL is now seeking City Council approval of these grant renewals.

The Allocation Committee considered grant renewal using the following performance information:

- Performance of grantee on PCL accountability metrics (service goals, client participation data including early exits, minimum dosage and data disaggregated by race/ethnicity, program outcomes, staff turnover); a template of the Performance Summary is attached to this memo as Exhibit B.
- Information provided in mid-year and annual written reports, along with information communicated in any meetings between grantees and PCL staff that provides further context for program implementation;
- Financial review including percentage of grant funds spent to date.

In March 2019, the Allocation Committee voted to award renewal funding totaling \$18,969,819 for FY 2019-20 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020); “Exhibit C: PCL Grant Renewals Approved by the Allocation Committee. Grants that were renewed included a cost-of-living adjustment of 3.9% to account for the effects of inflation in providing services.

The following two current grants were not renewed for an additional year due to performance concerns; these grants were initially funded in 2014 and renewed in 2017:

1. Bradley Angle House, Family Advocacy Project: not renewed due to failure to meet service goals and lack of stable leadership of the organization over several years.
2. Metropolitan Family Services, Home Visiting Program: not renewed due to failure to meet service goals.

The following three current grants were conditionally renewed as described below:

1. Self Enhancement Inc., Foster Care Program: grant was renewed for \$259,965 conditioned upon meeting service goal for number of foster youth served. Grant payments will pro-rated based on actual number of foster youth served.
2. Human Solutions, After-School Program for Family Shelter: grant was renewed conditioned upon family shelter securing a lease for ongoing operation of a shelter at a hotel site. Shelter site at time grant was made has closed due to weather damage to facility; Multnomah County is currently in the process of negotiating a lease for a hotel site.
3. The Pathfinder Network, Bounce Back After-School Program: grant was renewed conditioned on meeting annual service goals in 2018-19; performance in previous fiscal year was impacted by start-up issues and staff turnover.

PCL is requesting that City Council accept these recommendations of the Allocation Committee to fund the investments totaling \$18,969,815 as detailed in “Exhibit C: PCL Grant Renewals Approved by the Allocation Committee”.

## Exhibit A

### 2018 BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR THE PORTLAND CHILDREN'S LEVY

#### **CAPTION**

Renew Portland Children's Levy for five years.

#### **QUESTION**

Shall Portland continue early childhood, child abuse programs; five-year levy \$0.4026 per \$1,000 assessed value beginning 2019? ·

This measure renews current local option taxes.

#### **SUMMARY**

Renews the Portland Children's Levy at current rate; supports proven programs preventing childhood hunger, preventing child abuse and neglect, helping children arrive at school ready to learn, providing safe constructive after-school alternatives for kids, and helping foster children succeed.

Funds can only be used for:

**Preventing childhood hunger:** giving hungry children healthy, nutritious meals and food.

**Child abuse prevention and intervention:** addressing juvenile crime, school failure, drug and alcohol abuse, homeless youth.

**Early childhood programs:** making childcare more affordable and preparing children for success in school.

**After school, summer and mentoring programs:** promoting academic achievement, reducing the number of juveniles victimized by crime, increasing graduation rates.

**Children in foster care programs:** helping foster children who have been abused and neglected succeed.

Accountability measures include:

- Investments subject to annual audits.
- Programs funded must be cost effective and have a proven record of success.
- Investments subject to oversight by a citizen committee.
- Administrative costs cannot exceed 5%.

It is estimated the levy will raise an average of \$23.68 million per year for five years.

# Exhibit B

## GRANTEE PERFORMANCE SUMMARY FY 2014/15 – FY 2017/18

Grantee Organization Name:	Grantee Program Name:
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### Service Description

Annual Service Goal:	
Annual Budget FY xx-yy:	
Culturally Specific Program: No/ Yes	Percent of Children Served from E Portland: %

### Program Performance Review

	No Concerns	Concerns
<b>1. Service Goals</b> <i>Staff Comments:</i>		
<b>2. Early Exits</b> <i>Staff Comments:</i>	Low Average	High
<b>3. Participation &amp; Service Utilization</b> <i>Staff Comments:</i>	High Average	Low
<b>4. Staff Turnover</b> <i>Staff Comments:</i>	Low Average	High
<b>5. Outcome Goals Met</b> <i>Staff Comments:</i>	All	Most Some Few

### Financial Review

<i>Staff Comments:</i>
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### Notes

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### Staff Recommendation and Rationale

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### Grantee Comments

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**EXHIBIT C**

<b>All Grants Total</b>	<b>18,969,819</b>
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<b>Early Childhood Grants</b>		
<b>Grantee Agency</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Recommended Renewal Amount</b>
Albina Head Start	Early Head Start	716,327
Albina Head Start	Head Start/EOPK	692,618
Friendly House	Preschool	74,717
Hacienda CDC	Portland Niños	208,978
Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization	Child & Parent Success	347,853
Impact Northwest	Parent Child Development Services	243,315
Latino Network	Juntos Aprendemos	332,444
Metropolitan Family Service	Ready, Set, Go	120,342
Morrison Child & Family Services	Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation	836,720
Morrison Child & Family Center	Listos para Aprender	540,598
Mt Hood Comnty College	Early Head Start	560,113
Mt Hood Comnty College	Head Start/OPK	433,912
Native American Youth & Family Center	Early Childhood Program Services	179,681
Neighborhood House	Early Oregon PreKindergarten	350,842
Neighborhood House	Early Childhood Education	
Portland Public Schools	Head Start	524,280
<b>Early Childhood Grants Total</b>		<b>6,162,741</b>

Mt Hood Comnty College	Childcare Initiative	<b>1,674,249</b>
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<b>Mentoring Grants</b>		
<b>Grantee Agency</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Recommended Renewal Amount</b>
Campfire Columbia	Middle School Program	467,751
College Possible	David Douglas CP	98,476
Friends of the Children	Friends of the Children Mentoring	501,644
Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization	Refugee & Immigrant Mentoring	247,114
Native American Youth & Family Center	Mentoring Program	167,802
POIC	Mentoring Program	139,931
<b>Mentoring Grants Total</b>		<b>1,622,717</b>

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<b>Foster Care Grants</b>		
<b>Grantee Agency</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Recommended Renewal Amount</b>
Boys & Girls Aid	Permanency Recruitment Project	125,989
Friends of the Children	Friends of the Children	195,845
Impact Northwest	Safe & Together	329,752
Janus Youth Programs	Insights Teen Parent Program ECHO	188,566
Native American Youth & Family Center	Foster Care Program	262,532
New Avenues for Youth	Avenues to College	203,557
Self Enhancement, Inc.	Foster Care Program	259,965 *
Youth, Rights & Justice	School Works	203,781
<b>Foster Care Grants Total</b>		<b>1,769,987</b>

<b>Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention Grants</b>		
<b>Grantee Agency</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Recommended Renewal Amount</b>
EPHC/Catholic Charities	Parent Child Involvement Project	215,801
Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization	Refugee & Immigrant CAPI	191,578
Impact Northwest	PCIP	128,682
Janus Youth Programs	SEEDS	238,043
Legacy Emanuel Hospital & Health Center	CARES NW - Child Abuse Intervention Program	227,735
Lifeworks Northwest	Children's Relief Nursery	501,738
Lifeworks Northwest	Family & Community Alliance	191,806
Pathfinders of Oregon	Center for Family Success	297,857
POIC	Young Parent	149,052
Salvation Army	Parent Child Involvement Project	131,217
Self Enhancement, Inc.	Intensive Parenting	130,070
Volunteers of America	Family Relief Nursery	279,319
Volunteers of America	Gateway Childcare	119,802
<b>Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention Grants Total</b>		<b>2,802,700</b>

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<b>After School Grants</b>		
<b>Grantee Agency</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Recommended Renewal Amount</b>
Boys & Girls Clubs	SUN Schools	69,036
Ethos Music Center	Music Corps	104,455
Girls, Inc.	Girls Groups	72,661
Hacienda CDC	Expresiones	184,215
Human Solutions	Learn Links	185,953 *
Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization	SUN Schools	121,893
Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization	INSPIRE	418,416
Impact Northwest	AKA Science	108,866
Impact Northwest	Urban Opportunities	102,648
Metropolitan Family Service	SUN Schools	142,585
Native American Youth & Family Center	After School Program	194,206
Neighborhood House	Hayhurst/Steven's Crossing	77,416
Open Meadow	Step Up	388,259
Playworks	Junior Coach Leadership Program	74,354
Saturday Academy	After School Program	136,579
Self Enhancement, Inc.	After School Program	457,235
El Programa Hispano Catolico	Puentes	81,233
REAP	Solutions	51,950
Human Solutions	Family Shelter After School Program	54,548
Bravo Youth Orchestras	After School Youth Orchestras	103,900
Latino Network	Second Step	78,010
Pathfinders of Oregon	Bounce Back	51,950 *
Kairos PDX	After School Enrichment Program	108,166
<b>After School Grants Total</b>		<b>3,368,534</b>

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<b>Hunger Relief Grants</b>		
<b>Grantee Agency</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Recommended Renewal Amount</b>
Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization	Hunger Relief Program	123,096
Janus Youth Programs	Village Gardens	92,477
Meals on Wheels	Children's Levy Program	679,785
Metropolitan Family Service	Hunger Program	111,301
Oregon Food Bank	School Food Pantries	562,232
<b>Hunger Relief Grants Total</b>		<b>1,568,891</b>

All grants are up to amounts and actual budgets will be negotiated by Children's Levy staff.

\* These grants are approved with conditions. Allocation Committee will review conditions at future meetings and may reduce grant amounts dependent on their review.