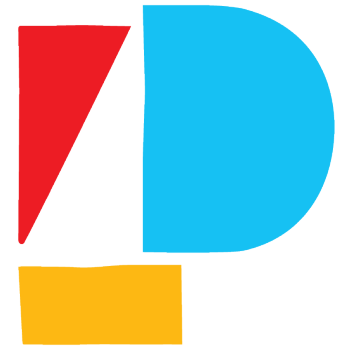




# portland children's levy



**Grant Renewal  
May 24, 2023**

# Introduction

- Requesting City Council approval of Allocation Committee grant renewal decisions
- Allocation Committee Members:
  - Commissioner Ryan
  - Mult. Co. Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson
  - Traci Rossi
  - Felicia Tripp Folsom
  - Mitch Hornecker

# Levy Funding Cycle

- After voters approve a Levy, PCL runs a competitive grant round
- PCL makes 3-year initial grants with an opportunity for renewal based on performance
- Consistent community feedback has emphasized the need for multi-year grants
  - Stabilizes organizations providing community services
  - Supports organizations to leverage additional funding

# Overview of 2019-20 Funding Process

- Local data report
- Community engagement process
  - Designed and conducted by Empress Rules Equity Consulting
  - Surveyed 400 community members and 100 service providers
  - Conducted 8 focus groups with 85 community members
  - Report recommendations used to create funding strategies for each program area
- Grantmaking process improvement study

# Overview of 2019-20 Funding Process

- Funding applications published in 6 program areas
- Application review by 65 community volunteers who received training and stipends
- 4-5 reviewers scored each application
- Allocation Committee funding decisions made based on application scores, applicant testimony and staff recommendations
- Allocation Committee funding recommendations approved by City Council in May 2020

# Grant Renewal Process Overview

- All current grantees were eligible to receive a 2-year renewal grant
- Renewal funding recommendations calculated using base amount of 40% of 3-year grant
- 4% compounded COLA added to base amount for 2-year grant total
- Where grantees were not able to return to pre-pandemic services levels staff may recommend reduced funding
- Grantees notified of renewal recommendation approach

# Grant Renewal Process Overview

## February - March 2023:

Staff reviewed grantees' mid-year progress reports

### Positive Trends

- 83% of grantees on track to meet goals for number of people served
- 78% of grantees on track to meet at least half of service activity delivery goals
- Grant spending closer to pre-pandemic rates

### Challenge

- 64% of grantees reported ongoing staffing challenges

# Grant Renewal Process Overview

## March – April 2023

- Met with grantees to discuss results, any performance concerns
- Developed and sent renewal recommendations to grantees by March 31
- Grantees had option to send written response to staff recommendations
- Staff recommendations and grantee written responses sent to Allocation Committee



# Allocation Committee Funding Recommendations

- 76 of 80 grants recommended for renewal at full formula
- 3 grants recommended for reductions where grantees were not able to return to pre-pandemic service levels and trends were not positive
- 1 grant declined renewal