



Invest a Minute

Allocation Committee Meeting Summary: June 1st, 2009
Portland City Hall Council Chambers, 1221 SW 4th Ave.

Members:

Present: Allocation Committee Chair and Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman; Ron Beltz, representing the Portland Business Alliance; Alissa Keny-Guyer, consultant for foundations and nonprofits; Adrienne Livingston, executive director of the Black United Fund of Oregon; Multnomah County Commission Chair Ted Wheeler.

Background:

The bulk of CHIF grants will expire June 30, 2009, with new ones beginning July 1, 2009. The city economist is projecting average annual revenues of between \$12 and \$14 million for the first three years of the levy.

There is one more Allocation Committee funding decision meeting:*

1 to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 9th: Funding meeting for Early Childhood and Child Abuse Prevention/Intervention programs. The Allocation Committee meeting will be in City Hall Council Chambers. An agenda will be posted on the CHIF website a few days before the meeting and an e-mail reminder will be sent out as well. The meeting is open to the public and all are welcome to attend. There will be time allotted for public testimony at the meeting.

*Organizations that have submitted Request for Investments in Early Childhood and Child Abuse Prevention/Intervention need to attend next week's funding meeting. The best person to attend is the program director who can answer questions, in any arise, from the Allocation Committee.

Grant readers: Thank you for all your hard work! You are not required to attend the Allocation Committee meeting.

Action:

√ The Portland Children's Investment Fund Monday allocated \$4.96 million to nine Foster Care programs benefiting Portland children. Helping children in foster care succeed is a new focus of the Investment Fund under the renewed Children's Levy approved by voters in Fall 2008 for an additional five years.

The nine organizations receiving investments are: NAYA Family Center, \$1.38 million; Impact NW, \$750,000; SEI, \$750,000; Juvenile Rights Project, \$562,643; Janus Youth Programs, Inc., \$470,896; Emanuel Children's Hospital, \$400,000; Big Brothers Big Sisters Columbia NW, \$352,952; Children's Relief Nursery, \$175,000; and Boys and Girls Aid, \$109,556.

The investments span a 36-month period from July 2009 through June 2012. These investments help hundreds of children age birth through 24 in foster care programs that:

- Help maintain placement stability

- Move children out of foster care sooner
- Provide educational support networks, especially during major school transitions, as well as for youth aging out of foster care
- Promote mentoring and enrichment activities
- Offer mental health services

Many of the programs also address the over-representation of children of color in the child welfare system.

Sixteen program applications totaling over \$13 million competed for \$4.96 million worth of funding. The agencies selected represent programs serving all quadrants of the city.

Allocation Committee members expressed their thanks to all of the organizations submitting applications and applauded their efforts in working to improve the lives of Portland youth.

Other:

•If you missed the Allocation Committee meeting, watch it on cable TV (CityNet 30) at these times: 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 3rd and 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 5th.

•The Children's Investment Fund was created by Portland voters in 2002 and renewed as the Children's Levy by the city electorate in Fall 2008. The Fund is supported through a five-year levy projected to annually generate more than \$12 million during the next few years toward proven programs across the city in areas of Early Childhood, After School, Mentoring, Child Abuse Prevention/Intervention and Foster Care.

The Investment Fund is annually audited and administrative costs do not exceed 5 percent.

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See our website at www.childrensinvestmentfund.org