



portland children's investment fund

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Portland Children's Investment Fund Invests \$12 Million in After-School and Mentoring Programs

The Portland Children's Investment Fund Monday allocated \$12.3 million to 30 After-School and Mentoring programs benefiting Portland children.

The investments, approved by the Fund's Allocation Committee, span a 36-month period from July 2009 through June 2012. These investments help students stay engaged in school and safe after school through:

- Quality programs to promote academic achievement in core subject areas and music, art and athletics
- Positive and consistent adult and peer role models
- Tutoring, homework assistance, community service and college prep activities

The meeting was the first of three to grant funding to organizations under the renewed Children's Levy, approved by voters in Fall 2008 for an additional five years. The Investment Fund was originally created by city residents in 2002.

The Allocation Committee will meet twice in June to approve three-year investments totaling more than \$12 million for programs in Child Abuse Prevention/Intervention and Foster Care, and \$12 million in Early Childhood.

At Monday's meeting, more than 50 program applicants totaling more than \$41 million competed for funding. The programs selected include current investees, as well as new ones representing programs serving all quadrants of the city.

Eleven organizations receiving \$4.7 million in Mentoring program investments are: Friends of the Children, \$1.2 million; Big Brothers Big Sisters Community Based program,

\$592,796; Metropolitan Family Services \$535,667; Boys and Girls Aid, \$483,736; Lutheran Community Services, \$400,000; Impact Northwest, \$380,934; Big Brothers Big Sisters School Based program, \$348,044; Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO), \$255,795; SMART, \$220,000; Trillium Family Services, \$182,000; Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center, \$109,000.

Nine organizations receiving \$2 million in After School Enrichment program investments are: Ethos Music Center., \$368,313; Saturday Academy, \$322,537; Oregon Health Community Center, \$251,500; Oregon Outreach, \$251,032; Community Cycling Center, \$207,000; Girls Inc., \$192,000; Tears of Joy Theatre, \$179,000; Chess for Success, \$150,000; The Children's Course, \$93,600.

Ten organizations receiving \$5.58 million in After-School Full Service program investments are: Self Enhancement, Inc.\$1.2 million; Open Meadow, \$787,000; IRCO, \$722,871; Impact Northwest (SUN Schools), \$618,180; Campfire USA (SUN Schools), \$618,180 ; Native American Youth Association, \$500,000; Boys & Girls Clubs, \$450,000; Metropolitan Family Services (SUN Schools), \$275,523; Neighborhood House (SUN Schools), \$231,817; Northwest Family Services, \$153,940.

“We’re pleased that these investments will continue to make a positive difference in the lives of Portland’s children,” said City Commissioner and Allocation Committee Chair Dan Saltzman. “City voters deserve a round of thanks for supporting the Children’s Investment Fund and its efforts to help the city’s youth and their families.”

The Children’s Investment Fund annually generates about \$12 million for Portland children. A Leverage Fund matched \$3 million in public funding with private dollars to contribute more than \$6 million to sustain and expand programs reaching out to 16,000 Portland children and families each year.

The Fund is annually audited and administrative expenses cannot exceed 5 percent so 95 cents of every dollar goes to city youth.

For more information, go to www.childrensinvestmentfund.org.
