



Invest a Minute

Allocation Committee Meeting Summary: Dec. 1st, 2008

Portland Building Auditorium/2nd Floor, 1120 SW 5th Ave.

Members:

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

Background:

The CHIF staff and the Allocation Committee are having several meetings during November and December to gather input before making important funding decisions. While no votes were taken at this meeting, public participation is welcome as CHIF moves forward. 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.

CHIF staff has recommended that separate Request for Investments (RFIs) be issued for each of the five program areas it funds: Early Childhood, After School, Mentoring, Child Abuse Prevention and Foster Care. Earlier this month, the Allocation Committee voted to require grantees in general to compete for new revenues.

Discussion/Public Comment

The Allocation Committee, staff and community members continued to dialogue on several staff recommendations. They include:

The Leverage Fund

- Allocation of up to \$2 million of projected revenues over the first three years of the new levy to create a Leverage Fund. An additional \$1 million for the Leverage Fund would come from unspent grants from the current levy.

Funding of Program Areas

- Allocation of funds between program areas
 - 33 percent for Early Childhood
 - 20 percent for After School
 - 13.5 percent for Mentoring
 - 20 percent for Child Abuse Prevention
 - 13.5 percent for Foster Care
- OR**, an alternative plan to address concerns about a decreased percentage of total fund revenues for early childhood. This plan also speaks to the overlap of strategies/programs aimed at child abuse prevention for children ages birth to 5 with early childhood programs that support parent education and promote early learning.
 - 43 percent for Early Childhood and Child Abuse Prevention services for children ages birth - 5
 - 10 percent for Child Abuse Prevention for children ages 6 - 18

- 13.5 percent for Foster Care (6.75 percent for children ages birth – 5.)
- 20 percent for After School
- 13.5 percent for Mentoring

General Request for Investment Guidelines

- Individual grants capped at \$500,000 annually; minimum grant request: \$30,000 annually
- 36-month grant duration, from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012

Early Childhood

○ Continuation of funding/commitment to Head Start and current Head Start grantees. Staff has recommended that the Allocation Committee exempt current Head Start investments from re-competition (Mt. Hood Community College at Gateway and Portland Public Schools Kelly Center). If the Committee does not agree to exempt current Head Start from re-competition, staff recommends creation of a funding pool for Head Start services equal to the current investments for a total of \$1.7 million over the next three years. Also, staff recommends that CHIF increase its Early Head Start investment, with providers competing for a dedicated funding pool of \$4 million over three years.

The remainder of the Early Childhood funding would be invested in services that prioritize parenting support and education, mental health consultation, home visiting services, childcare and early literacy

After School

○ Competition in two program categories: full-service/high intensity (65 percent of funding) and enrichment (35 percent of funding). Recommendation also includes an expanded age range to 9th grade, from the current 4th through 8th, or possibly lifting all age restrictions so students in grades K-9 would be eligible. Full service programs should offer academic support, enrichment activities, parent outreach and family support, with students attending at least four hours per week. Enrichment programs would have a single focus, provide one to two hours of classes per child/week and provide no or very limited staffing dedicated to parent outreach/support.

Mentoring

○ Fund programs that serve children ages 5 – 18 through consistent and stable relationships between a child and caring individual that last at least one academic year and include regular face-to-face meetings and are aimed at developing character/competencies of the mentee.

Child Abuse

○ Fund programs that focus on parent education and support, home visitation, respite care, family preservation, therapeutic intervention. Focus populations should include African American and Native American children, teen mothers, children with disabilities and children of incarcerated parents.

Foster Care

○ Designate at least 50 percent of the funding for children ages birth – 5, with a focus on services that provide therapeutic child care/preschools, therapeutic intervention with foster families, mental health services, and services focused on infants. The remaining 50 percent of funds focused on foster children and former children ages 6 to 24 for provision of a range of services including support services for youth aging out of foster care, culturally specific services,

mental health services, mentoring, educational support, and services that help maintain placement stability.

●**The NEXT meeting is Thursday, Dec. 11th, 6 to 8 p.m., Portland City Hall Council Chambers, 1221 SW Fourth Ave. The purpose of this meeting is solely to receive public input on all recommendations to date. The Allocation Committee will not be considering any new recommendations and will not vote on any current recommendations. The Allocation Committee and CHIF staff urges you to attend and offer feedback.**

●**Additional meeting:**

-Dec. 15th, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., Portland Building Auditorium.

Other:

●If you missed the Allocation Committee meeting, watch it on Portland Cable Channel 30 at these times (meeting is televised in two parts): Monday, Dec. 8th at 5 and 7 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 14th at 5:45 and 7:50 p.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 1 and 3 p.m.; Friday Dec. 19 at 11 p.m. and Saturday Dec. 20 at 1 a.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 23 at 9 and 11 p.m.; and Monday, Dec. 29 at 5 and 7 p.m.

The Children's Investment Fund was created by Portland voters in 2002 and renewed 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. The Investment Fund is annually audited and administrative costs do not exceed 5 percent. Questions/comments: mgbroderick@ci.portland.or.us

See our website at www.childrensinvestmentfund.org
