

children's levy

Allocation Committee February 21, 2023

PCL Foster Care Policy Change Proposal

- Current PCL Foster Care Policy
 - Any current or previous foster care child
- Change to include
 - A Child whose family has
 - an open child welfare Child Protective Services (CPS) assessment
 - an open voluntary case with ODHS Child Welfare (Child Welfare)
 - an open dependency case with Child Welfare
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 - Who has an open CPS assessment
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Why this change is needed

- Child Welfare and PCL Foster Care grantees are asking for this change
- PCL Foster Care program was created in 2009
- Child Welfare practices and policies have changed over the past fourteen years
- Child Welfare staff continue to serve a significant portion of families on a voluntary basis or open CPS assessment without a FC placement
- Foster care prevention services have become more of a focus



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Testimony

- Bryn Council, Program Director, Janus Insights Young Parent program
- Jennifer McGowan, Supervising Attorney, Youth Rights & Justice
- Jessica Rivoli, Resource Developer, ODHS Child Welfare





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Grant Renewal Process and Timeline

Renewal Process: Introduction

- Current large grants end June 30, 2023
- Past Levy authorizations, 2-year renewals
 - Similar services, similar funding amounts
 - No "application"; staff-grantee-AC process
 - Grants on track with performance
 - Stable funding was a priority in community engagement
- 2nd year contingent on Levy reauthorization



Renewal Funding Recommendations

- Updated revenue forecast projects no decline for 2023-24 and 2024-25
- PCL projects sufficient funds to maintain existing investment level plus COLA
- 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



Renewal Funding Recommendations

Example grant:

- \$500,000 3-year grant award for 2020-2023
- 40% of \$500,000 = \$200,000
- 4% compounded COLA for 2 years
- 2-year renewal grant recommendation = \$424,320



Renewal Funding Recommendations: Exceptions

Staff may recommend renewal funding amounts that are lower than the formula allows if there are:

- Significant and persistent underspending
- Significant performance issues



Renewal Funding Recommendations: Timeline

February & March 2023: staff steps

- Process Q2 grant invoices, aggregate data on spending compared to budget
- Review grantees' mid-year progress reports
- Meet w/ grantees to discuss results, any performance concerns
- Develop renewal recommendations
- Send recommendations and rationale to grantees by March 31



Renewal Funding Recommendations: Timeline

April 2023

- Optional grantee written response to staff recommendations
- Staff recommendations and grantee written response sent to AC by April 12
- AC makes renewal decisions at April 18 meeting
- City Council review/approval

