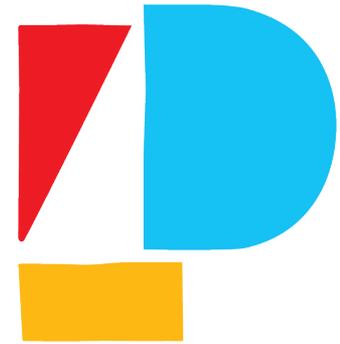




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**Small Grants Fund: Renewal
Process & Timeline**

Small Grants Fund: Background

SGF funding process launched in 2020

- Improve equity of access to PCL funds for organizations arising out of marginalized communities
 - 2-step application process
 - up to \$60,000 annually/\$180,000 over 3 years
 - Organization annual revenue >\$1 million
 - Current 3-year awards end Dec. 31, 2023

Small Grants Fund: Renewal Process

Renewal Period: 2.5-years, January 1, 2024- June 30th, 2026

- Aligns Small Grants to same fiscal year as large grants
- Provides time for community engagement, Community Council and Allocation Committee to address key policy questions for next SGF funding round

Renewal Formula same as used with large grants

- 40% of total 3-year grant award
- 4% COLA compounded annually
- All renewal recommendations are “up-to” amounts contingent on performance and spending

Small Grants Fund: Renewal Timeline

June - August

- SGF Fiscal Review Concludes
- Annual report review & analysis of grant performance

September

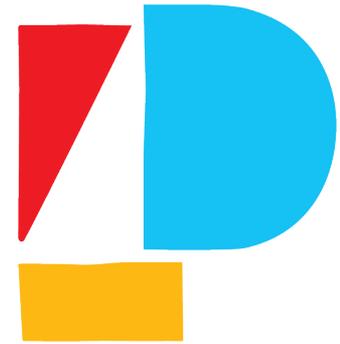
- Staff Develops Renewal Recommendations
- Sends to grantees by mid-September for their comment

October

- Staff provides SGF renewal recommendations and grantee comments to Allocation Committee by October 6th
- Allocation Committee makes SGF renewal decisions Oct 17th



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**Community Engagement
Planning Update**

Community Engagement Planning

Required by the Act governing Levy operations

- Inform program area goals/strategies
- Use a variety of methods to engage

Community Engagement Planning

2018-19 Process

- Empress Rules Equity Consulting
- Community needs, preferred services, methods of delivery, barriers to access
- 500+ diverse community members
- Community member survey, provider survey, 8 focus groups
- Incentives for participation

2018 Lessons on Process



Outreach/events

Surveys

Focus groups

Incentives

Contractors

**Provider-specific/
Community-at-large**

“interest questionnaire”

**Translated surveys vs.
language-specific focus
groups**

**No feedback loop to
participants**

Community Engagement: Roles

Community Council: Guide plan goals, topics to engage, communities to engage

Allocation Committee: Decide plan and implementation based on recommendations

Staff: Implementation/logistics

- Budget, contractors, methods
 - outreach, facilitation, interpretation, technical data analysis/reporting

Community Engagement: Next Steps

Summer 2023: Staff planning

- Arrange contractors: COBID firms, City's contracted Community Engagement Liaisons (CELs)
- Plan for overall coordination, outreach, technical data aspects

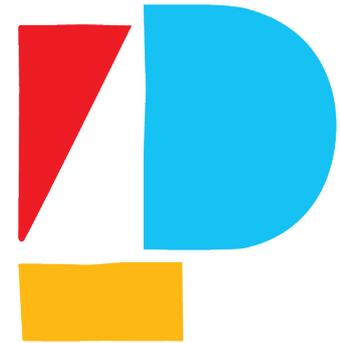
Fall 2023: Outreach and Survey completion

Fall 2023-Winter 2024: Focus groups, interviews

Spring 2024: Report on Results



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**Community Council's
Recommendations**

Process: Recommendations from Community Council

Individual, optional meetings in April

Council members to give input for community engagement planning, 7 of 11 participated

Discussion focus: Goals, topics, and communities

PCL staff analyzed and recorded keywords and themes from Council members' responses provided

May Council Meeting: April input led to draft recommendations for discussion, modification

Recommendation 1:

2023 Community Engagement Goals

- **Learn** from diverse stakeholders about the most effective and needed services for children, especially children most affected by historical inequities and disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.
- **Identify community solutions** to improve outcomes for children and families, including culturally informed emerging grassroots strategies and pandemic recovery practices in PCL's program areas
- **Build positive relationships** with marginalized communities by incorporating the city's core values.

Recommendation 1: Goals (Cont.)

- **Promote community understanding** and awareness of Portland Children's Levy's work including the funding processes, services funded, and demographics of children and families served.
- **Improve transparency** in the community engagement process, and ensure that community members who engage in the process receive ongoing communication about PCL and how it uses community feedback

Recommendation 2

Topics for Community Engagement

Mental health topics

- Barriers youth and families experience accessing mental health resources; access to self-care and emotional regulation supports
- Culturally specific approaches to mental health and/or social and emotional well-being for youth and families
- Variety of options for mental health supports in PCL program areas
- Aligned training for PCL-funded providers in social-emotional well-being and healthy relationships
- Effective practices for supporting children/families with intellectual and developmental disabilities

Recommendation 2: Topics (Cont.)

Mentoring topics:

- Social-emotional focus on confidence, self-regulation; culturally specific; for youth aging out of foster care

Other topics:

- Digital literacy support needs for families as we emerge from COVID-19 emergency
- Culturally specific or responsive strategies for addressing violence and trauma
- Support services for youth and families experiencing housing instability
- Childcare affordability gaps and barriers

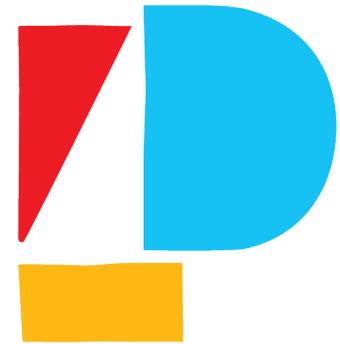
Recommendation 3:

Priority Communities to Engage

- Very low-income families & single heads of household/single parents
- LGBTQ2SIA+ youth, including BIPOC youth & African immigrant youth
- Youth and families from the following communities: Black/African American, African immigrant, Southeast Asian, Pacific Islander, Latinx/e/o, Native American & Alaskan Native, Ukrainian, Russian, and Middle Eastern communities, immigrants and refugees
- Youth and families with the following lived experiences:
 - Trauma/violence
 - with disabilities
 - housing instability
 - multigenerational homes
 - aging out of foster care
 - teen parenting



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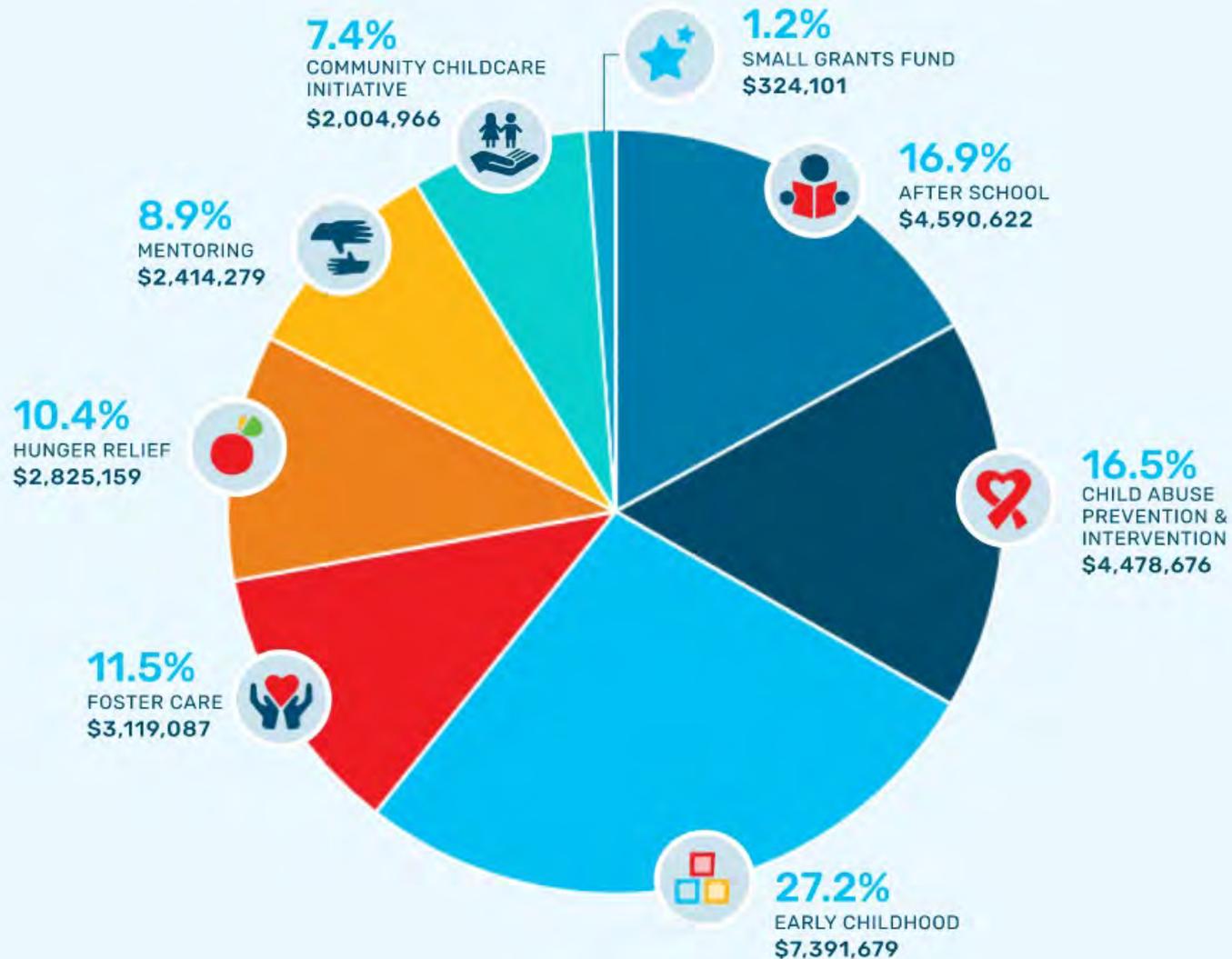


2023 Community Report

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2021-22 GRANTS AWARDED



Engaging virtual programming



Supporting basic needs



Creating safe spaces



Child Abuse Prevention Month



Week of the Young Child



National Foster Care Month



Mental Health Awareness Month

