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Pass it On

Seven new After-School programs join PCL

The Portland Children's Levy Allocation Committee approved \$1 million in accrued revenue for seven new after-school programs for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years at a Monday meeting.

The organizations and their programs are:

Human Solutions' Family Center, Oregon Bravo Youth Orchestra, Latino Network's K-3 Success for Latino Students, Pathfinders' Bounce Back, Kairos PDX Learning Academy, El Programa Hispana Catolico Puentes Primaria and REAP, Inc.: Reflections.

PCL used a two-step process for this funding round, where applicants first submitted a shorter Letter of Interest earlier this spring, after which a smaller pool of 13 applicants were invited to submit full Request For Investments.

Also at the meeting, AC members delayed voting on allocating \$1.6 million in additional accrued revenue until a later time. AC members will consider using the funding to ease state budget cuts made to the Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) program, which entails benefits for working families to offset

childcare costs, as well as expanding center-based Early Head Start classrooms in Portland.



Hunger Relief info

IRCO has a new website to share hunger-relief related news and info to its families and surrounding community. Check it out [here](#):



City grant opportunities

The Portland City Council approved \$1 million in its new budget for one-time grants.

Of this amount, \$350,000 has been allocated to the Office of Neighborhood Involvement for the Portland United Against Hate competitive grants process. Funding may be awarded in the following opportunities:

Capacity Building and Data Collections/Analysis.

Also, \$650,000 has been set aside for:

- Expanding Opportunities for Youth
- Community-Based Arts and Culture
- Expanding Economic Opportunities for Portlanders
- Community Health

Go [here](#) for more info.

New ED at Neighborhood House

Chris Chiacchierini succeeds Rick Nitti as Neighborhood House Executive Director effective Aug. 8.

Chris, who started his career as a Jesuit volunteer working at DePaul Treatment Centers, recently served as the Executive Director of Incight,



an organization that supports people with disabilities in attaining education and employment and engaging in recreational activities. Previously, he worked for 10 years at the Oregon College of Oriental Medicine. He also has extensive volunteer experience, including as board chair for the Metropolitan Learning Center Educational Foundation, a writing tutor for inmates, SMART reader to children, cook at Our House (AIDS hospice) and youth soccer coach.

YRJ gets a win for OR children in foster care

Youth, Rights & Justice efforts to get the state and federal government to pay greater attention to the educational needs of children in foster care have paid off. Recently, the state Legislature passed a bill drafted by YRJ that allows students to stay in the same school if juvenile court found that it was in their best interest. The new law also guarantees transportation to a student's school of origin.



Youth advocates are hoping the new law will increase the chance of school success for children in foster care, as studies show that 65 percent of foster care alumni had changed school seven or more times.

Bradley Angle offers DV class

Bradley Angle Healing Roots program is having an upcoming group to support parents who are survivors of domestic violence and identify as Black or African American. The group meets at the Bradley resource center at 5432 N. Albina Ave. every Tuesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m., beginning Aug. 1st, but will be accepting people for the next two weeks. Call 503-595-9591 for more info.

YWCA Social Change trainings

The YWCA offers high-quality and engaging social change trainings. Training info can be found [here](#). The org is also looking for women of color who want to work with other women of color for racial justice. More info [here](#).

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PCL News

Allocation Committee News

There are no upcoming AC meetings scheduled, though PCL staff anticipates one sometime this fall. Notices will be sent to the database and posted on the Levy website.

If you missed the Monday, July 24th AC meeting, view it on YouTube below:



PCL Helps Nonprofits Recruit Volunteers

It's a good idea to be listed on our [Volunteer Opportunities page](#). If you are an org that accepts volunteers, please email us with:

1. A link: either to your website where volunteer information can be found, or the email and/or phone number of the name of the person responsible for volunteers.
2. A short blurb about what you are looking for from volunteers.
3. If you would like to include any specific wording about outreach to older and/or retired potential volunteers.

In the Headlines

Holding kids back in school might not be as harmful as we once thought. Read the story [here](#).

What should we do about hunger? A local author gives his perspective. See the article [here](#).

A community-wide commitment turns around a Rust Belt school district.
More [here](#).

Major study proves once again that government-backed programs help low-income children succeed over the long haul. Read study [here](#).

Community-college bound students will find out soon about **OR Promise grants**; now no longer available for everyone who qualifies. See why [here](#).

PCL Making a Difference: Janus Village Gardens



Farm Feast
A Village Gardens celebration

Saturday, September 9th 1:00-4:00 pm
Howell Territorial Park, Sauvie Island
(adjacent to Food Works youth farm)

Tickets available at www.villagegardens.org
\$50 per guest
Join us for food, fun, and friends...all on a farm!

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Janus invites the community to Farm Fest 2017 on Saturday, Sept. 9th at Howell Territorial Park on Sauvie Island. The event space is directly adjacent to the Food Works farm where you will be able to see the work of Janus youth. There will be games, a farm tour, storytelling and food from two New Columbia

Farmers Market Vendors - Alle Amin (sambusas) and Azteca (ceviche tostadas). Po'shines will also be providing food along with roast salad from Food Works and Village Market. Join in for a casual summer afternoon that celebrates food and community. Get there by car, bike or bus (shuttle vans available to transport from the bus stop to Howell Territorial Park). Purchase tickets [here](#).

Take a look at the new PCL Community Report

The new PCL 2017 Community Report has arrived.

This year, we used flowers to help tell the story of some of the families and children PCL programs serve. Click [here](#) to view the full report.



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Early Childhood Updates

Early learning creates lasting benefits for children. Read the Oregonian story [here](#).

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Who We Are

The Portland Children's Levy was created by city voters in 2002 and overwhelmingly renewed by the electorate in Fall 2008 and Spring 2013. Funding for the new five-year Levy began July 1, 2014 and includes hunger relief as a new focus area.

The Levy is supported through a property tax paid by City of Portland homeowners that generates \$17 million toward investments in proven programs in areas of Early Childhood, After School, Mentoring, Child Abuse Prevention/Intervention, Foster Care and Hunger Relief. The Levy reaches over 8,000 children and their families annually; in addition, Levy-funded hunger relief services provide food to over 11,000 children and 9,167 parents/caregivers annually.

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