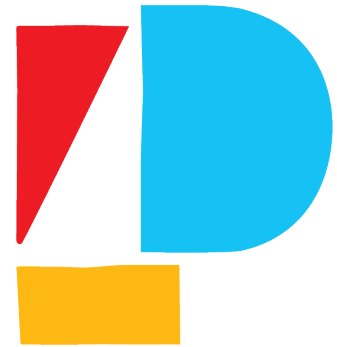


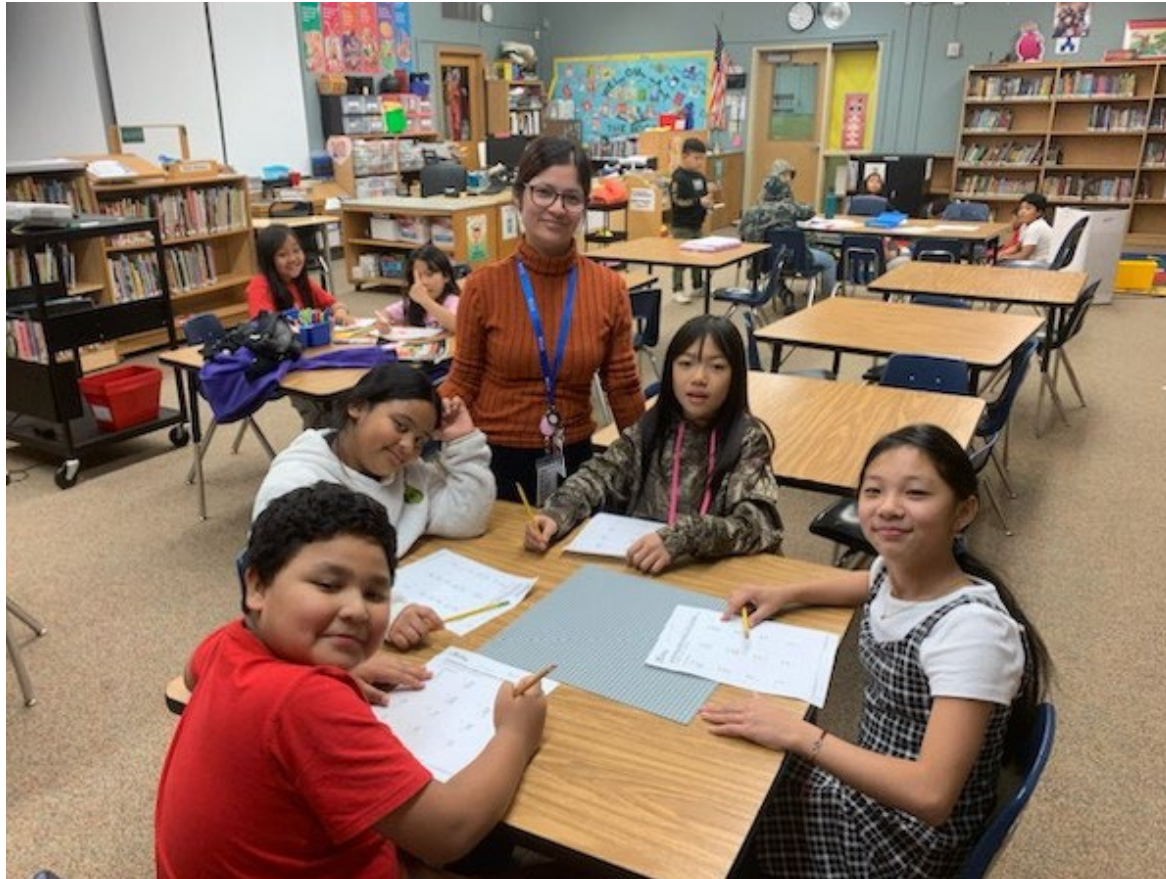


**portland
children's
levy**



**Allocation Committee
June 18, 2025**

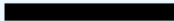
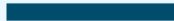

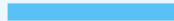




2025 Community Report

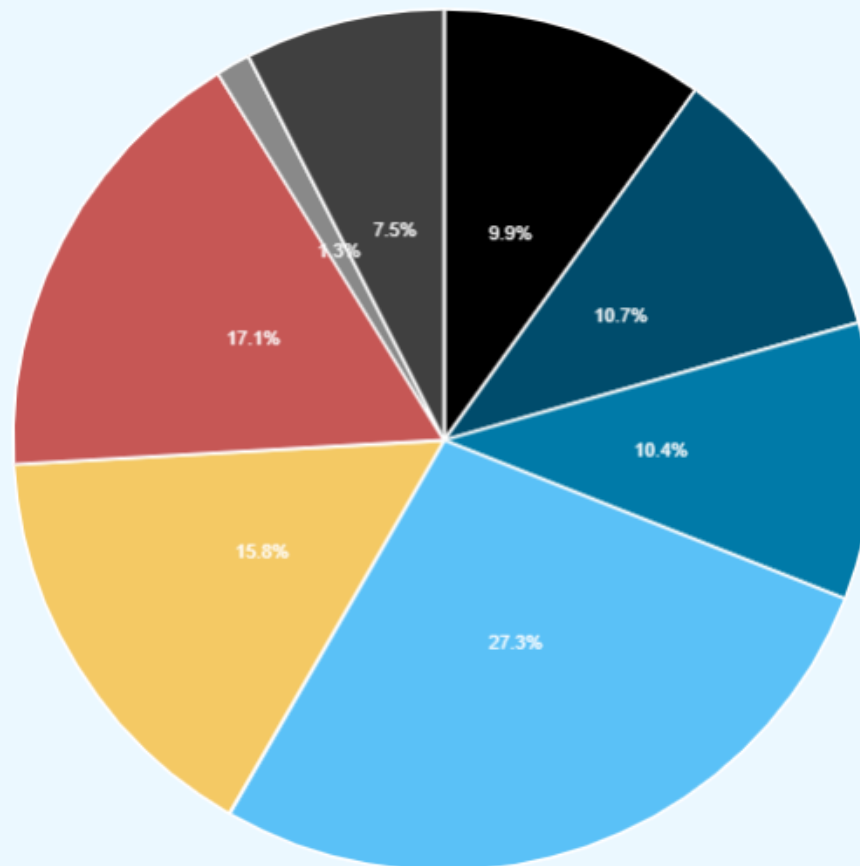


After school:
Immigrant and
Refugee
Community
Organization
(IRCO), INSPIRE
program

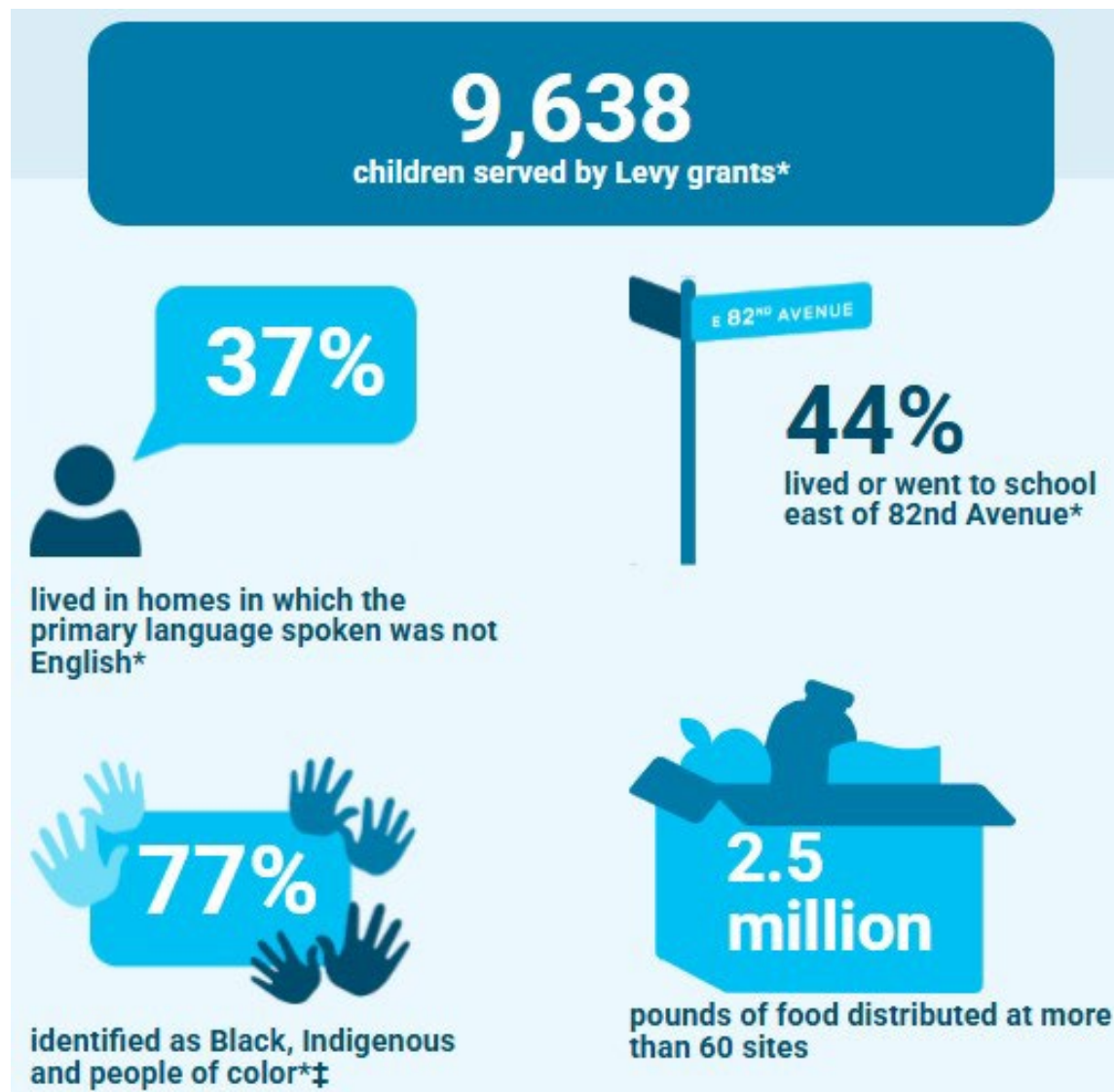


2023-24 Grants Awarded by Program Area

 Mentoring \$ 2,788,658	 Hunger Relief \$3,025,396	 Foster Care \$ 2,942,368	 Early Childhood \$7,706,128
 Child Abuse Prevention & Intervention \$4,474,079	 After School \$4,834,018	 Small Grants Fund \$366,867	 Community Childcare Initiative \$2,121,600



By the numbers



Responding to community needs



Small grants fund:
Camp Elso,
Wayfinders

Supporting the health of families



Hunger relief:
Neighborhood
House mobile
food pantry



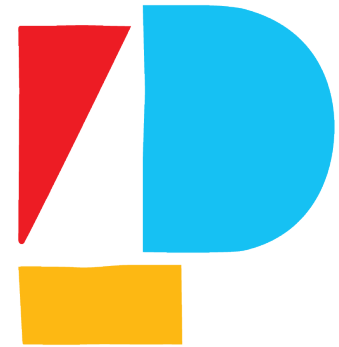
Preparing for the future



Child abuse prevention and intervention: The Pathfinder Network, Center for Family Success



**portland
children's
levy**



Small grant funding round



Small grants funding round

- **Purpose of Small Grants Fund:**
 - Increase access to PCL funding for programs of small organizations that arise out of the communities they serve.
 - Increase capacity to serve their communities
 - Organizations less than \$750,000 annual revenue
- **Funding round FY25-26**
 - Planning underway
 - Timing subject to change based on large grants remand process.



**portland
children's
levy**



Large grant funding round



PCL purpose

- Increase opportunities for all Portland's children
- Prioritization of the following communities through community engagement:
 - BIPOC children & families
 - Children with disabilities
 - Youth who identify as LGBTQ2SIA+
 - Immigrant and refugee children & families
 - Families earning low-incomes
 - Children & families who live in east and north Portland



Decreased resources & increased demand

- 45% increase in total applications received
 - Over 200% increase in applications from organizations that don't have current PCL grants
- 21% reduction in resources available for large grants
 - Not enough resources to continue funding current grants at current levels
- Over \$3 requested for every \$1 available
 - Most applications approved for funding received far less than requested



Competing priorities

PCL staff, the Community Council, and the Allocation Committee wrestled with:

- Balancing continuing PCL funding for programs with positive performance with allocating funding to organizations without PCL funding who are meeting emerging or underserved community needs.
- Balancing the diversity of PCL's priority populations, their needs, and their priorities.

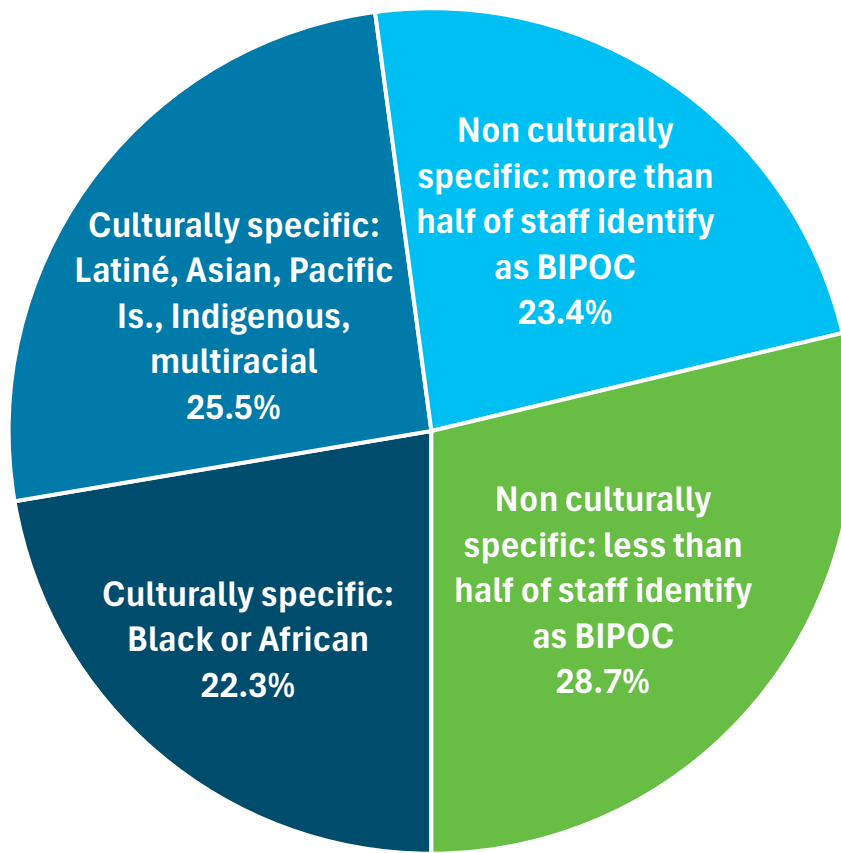


Funding decisions data

Type of organization	# orgs that applied (n=110)	# orgs with apps approved (n=64)	% of orgs approved out of # applied
Culturally specific: Black or African	22	17	77%
Culturally specific: Latiné, Asian, Pacific Is., Indigenous, and multiracial	15	11	73%
<i>Subtotal: culturally specific orgs</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>76%</i>
Non culturally specific: more than half of staff identify as BIPOC	22	13	59%
Non culturally specific: less than half of staff identify as BIPOC	51	23	45%
<i>Subtotal: non culturally specific orgs</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>49%</i>

Funding decisions data

Percentage of approved applications
by organization type (n= 94 applications)





Funding decisions data

- 50% of organizations approved for funding are smaller organizations with annual revenues between \$750,000 - \$6 million.
- 42% haven't previously received PCL funding, and over half of those are culturally specific organizations.



Non-culturally specific organizations' services

- Job training, GED completion, BIPOC & LGBTQ+ mentors for houseless youth
- Mentorship services for transgender youth and caregivers
- Mentorship services for children of criminal justice-impacted parents, and after school enrichment for youth in juvenile detention.
- School-based food pantries serving 4 school districts
- Weekend food bags for houseless children
- Grocery delivery for families with medical conditions, disabilities, and other barriers
- Relief nurseries
- Grief support for foster youth
- Legal advocacy for foster youth in school settings
- Technical child abuse evaluation and therapeutic services
- Arts and sports education



Funding decision timeline

April 23: Allocation Committee funding decisions

May 13: City Council work session

May 21: City Council first reading of ordinance

June 4: City Council second reading



City Council's conflicting concerns

- Concern that orgs w/o PCL funds favored over current grantees, particularly legacy, Black-led orgs in tension with concern that smaller orgs and orgs w/o current PCL funding faced undue barriers
- Concern that lower-scoring applications recommended over higher-scoring applications in tension with concern that lowest-scoring HR application wasn't approved for funding
- Desire to fund effective, proven programs in tension with concerns about why programs with performance issues weren't approved for continued funding



Funding process concerns - application submission

Councilor concern: that staff prevented an after school applicant from correcting an application, and that the application was not funded because they were prevented from correcting it.

Staff response: an applicant requested to correct annual and midyear program data submitted to PCL in July 2024 and January 2025, not an error on the application. The correction request was not made until March 2025 after funding recommendations were sent to applicants.



Funding process concerns - application review

Councilor concern: that reviewers were not diverse and representative of applicant demographics, lacked knowledge about the organizations submitting the applications, and that reviewers overweighted the quality of grant writing.

Staff response: reviewers had extensive lived and professional experience with PCL's program areas and racial equity, diversity and inclusion.



Funding process concerns - testimony

Councilor concern: that Allocation Committee members may not have reviewed the submitted testimony from applicants.

Staff response: Allocation Committee members received testimony and had more than two weeks to review it before their April 23 meeting to make funding decisions.



Funding process concerns - grantee performance

Councilor concern: regarding the consideration of grantee performance in decision-making, especially from COVID years

Staff response: staff only considered performance data of current grantees from July 1, 2022 – Dec 31, 2024



Funding process concerns - demographic data in applications

Councilor concern: applicants should provide disaggregated data on the demographics of their board, staff and clients.

Staff response: In the 2019-20 funding round, PCL required applicants submit a detailed form to provide this data. Based on feedback from that funding round and input from Community Council, PCL eliminated the detailed form from the application and requested the data in a narrative format.



Individual funding decisions

Councilor concern: Councilors expressed concern that 3 applications from Black-led organizations weren't approved for funding

Staff response:

- Hunger relief: one application not approved because they scored last (23 of 23) and no application that scored last was approved
- Mentoring: one application not approved because didn't meet some of Community Council's priorities
- After school: one application not approved because they were a current grantee providing a program with significant performance concerns



Applications approved by Allocation Comm. that will not receive FY26 funding

- 36 of 94 approved programs do not currently receive PCL large grants
- \$17.4 million was approved by the Allocation Committee for these 36 grants

After school:

- Black Oregon Land Trust
- The Blueprint Foundation
- My Voice Music
- Pacific Refugee Support Group
- The Pathfinder Network
- Portland Tennis & Education
- Portland Playhouse
- Somali American Council of Oregon

Child abuse prevention and intervention:

- Bradley Angle, Healing Roots
- Family SkillBuilders
- Impact NW, Safe Families/Safe Comm.
- Native American Rehabilitation Assoc.
- Youth, Rights & Justice, Family Defense Project
- YWCA, Healing Together



Applications approved by Allocation Comm. that will not receive FY26 funding (cont.)

Early childhood:

- APANO
- Metropolitan Family Service, Ready Set Go for infants/toddlers

Foster care:

- Dougy Center
- Kinship House
- POIC, mental health supports
- Youth Progress Association

Hunger relief:

- Black Food Sovereignty Coalition
- Community Development Corp. of OR
- Feed'em Freedom
- Kairos PDX, Hungry Bellies

Mentoring:

- Center for African Immigrants and Refugees
- Camp Elso
- Ethiopian and Eritrean Cultural Resource Center
- Elevate Oregon
- Holla Mentors
- Lewis & Clark, TransActive
- Outside In
- p:ear
- Portland Workforce Alliance
- Portland Youthbuilders
- Samoa Pacific Development Corporation
- Triple Threat (Going Home II)



Large grant one-year extensions

- City Council passed an emergency ordinance to extend all PCL current large grants to June 30, 2026.
- Due to PCL's declining resources, all current grants will be funded at 79% of their FY25 budget (21% cut).
- Staff is working on amending all grant agreements accordingly.



Remand procedural steps

- PCL is working with Deputy City Administrators on next steps.
- Procedure for receiving instructions from City Council likely to include Council work session.
- Unclear which parts of the process may need to be redone.