

**Portland Children’s Levy  
Allocation Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 7, 2026, 2:00 p.m.  
Location: 1900 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Room 2500**

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The full record of the meeting may be viewed on the Portland Children’s Levy website: [www.portlandchildrenslevy.org](http://www.portlandchildrenslevy.org) or YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n0Z97eRWcgo&list=PLiRS-zEitDo1wmpxKqvHHLCArrUHStTBr&index=3>

For further detail, all are invited to reference the meeting video on YouTube, linked above.

All presentation slides are appended to these minutes.

**Attending:** Dan Floyd, Charity Kreider, Meghan Moyer (virtual), Dan Ryan (chair), Felicia Tripp

**Welcome/introduction of Allocation Committee and Children’s Levy staff**

**Minutes of January 27, 2026, meeting – approved without revision.**

**Public Comment on non-agenda items.**

None

**Review of Small Grants Funding Process:**

Staff provided an overview of the small-grants funding process leading up to this meeting including application phase and application pool; application review and scoring; Community Council recommendations; and testimony.

*Slides presented at the meeting are appended to these minutes.*

**Small Grants Funding Decisions**

The following small grants fund grants were approved by the Allocation Committee:

<b>Small Grants Applications</b>	<b>3-year funding amount</b>
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The Family Room	\$240,000
Kindness Farm	\$140,000
Active Children Portland	\$240,000
Center for Black Excellence	\$240,000
Somali Empowerment Circle	\$240,000
African Refugee Immigrant Organization	\$240,000
En Taiko	\$120,000
Wonderfolk	\$225,000
Project LEDO	\$240,000
Word is Bond	\$240,000
People of Color Outdoors	\$180,000
We Belong PDX	\$210,000
<b>Total Funding Allocated</b>	<b>\$2,555,000</b>

*All decisions were unanimous.*

**Next Steps/Announcements:**

Portland City Council will review Allocation Committee decisions in April or May.

*Portland City Council subsequently approved all Allocation Committee decisions unanimously on May 13, 2026.*

*The Allocation Committee may consider choosing an alternate small grants fund grantee at its June meeting.*

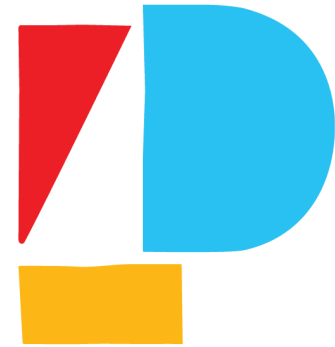
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*Next Meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2026.*

Adjourned 3:20 pm.



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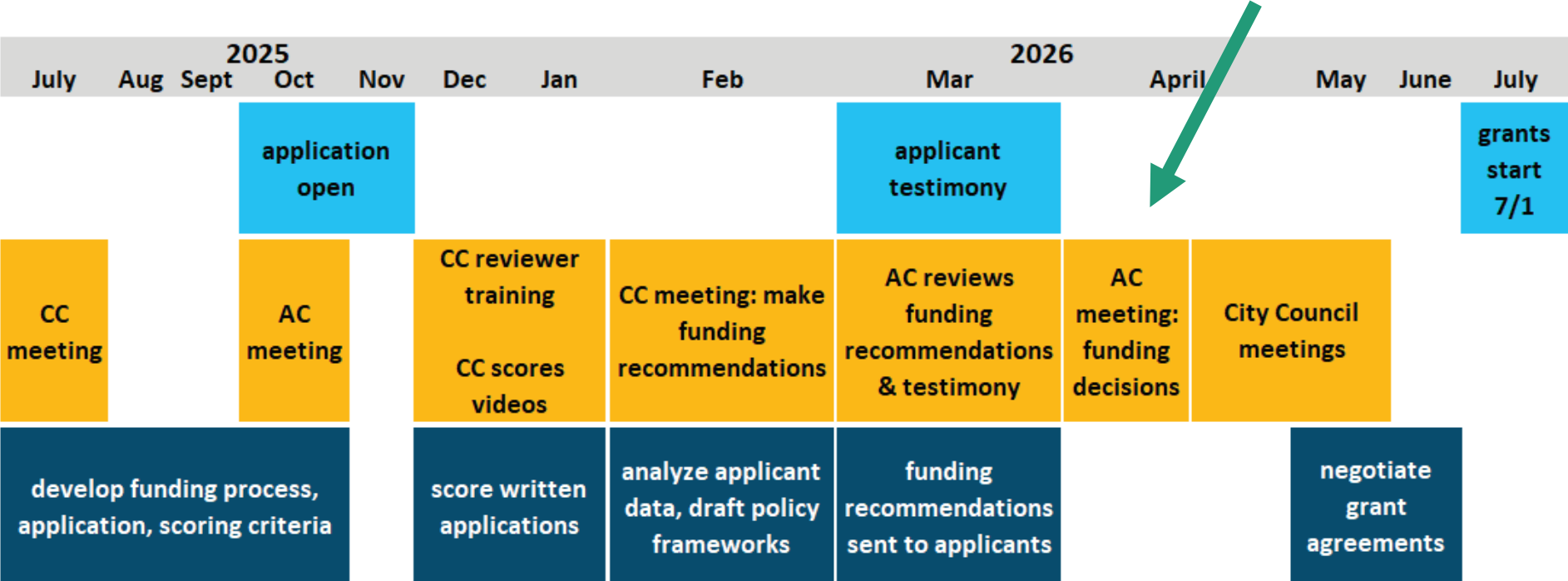


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# Appreciation

- Thank you to applicants, Community Council, Allocation Committee and staff
- All applicants doing important work with Portland children and families
- Competitive processes are challenging
- Gratitude for time, energy, effort by applicants

# Small grants: timeline and key steps



# Small grants: lessons learned

## Strengths

- Written and interactive component
- Short, easy to complete application
- Community reviewer involvement

## Suggested improvements

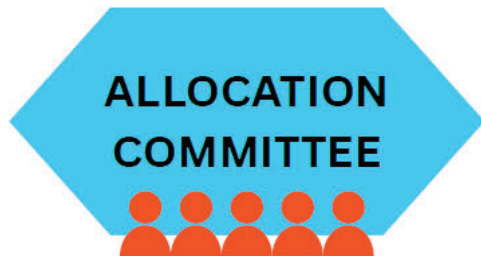
- Include interactive components
- Consider other ways to include visual and storytelling elements.

# Roles and responsibilities



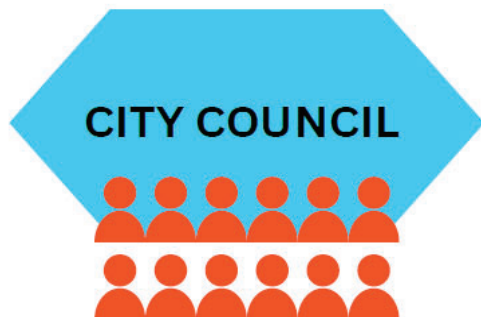
Advise staff and Allocation Committee, including community engagement, funding priorities, application, scoring criteria, and review process. Score application videos.

**Make funding recommendations.**



Decide community engagement process, funding priorities, application, scoring criteria, and review process. Consider applicant testimony and funding recommendations.

**Make funding decisions.**



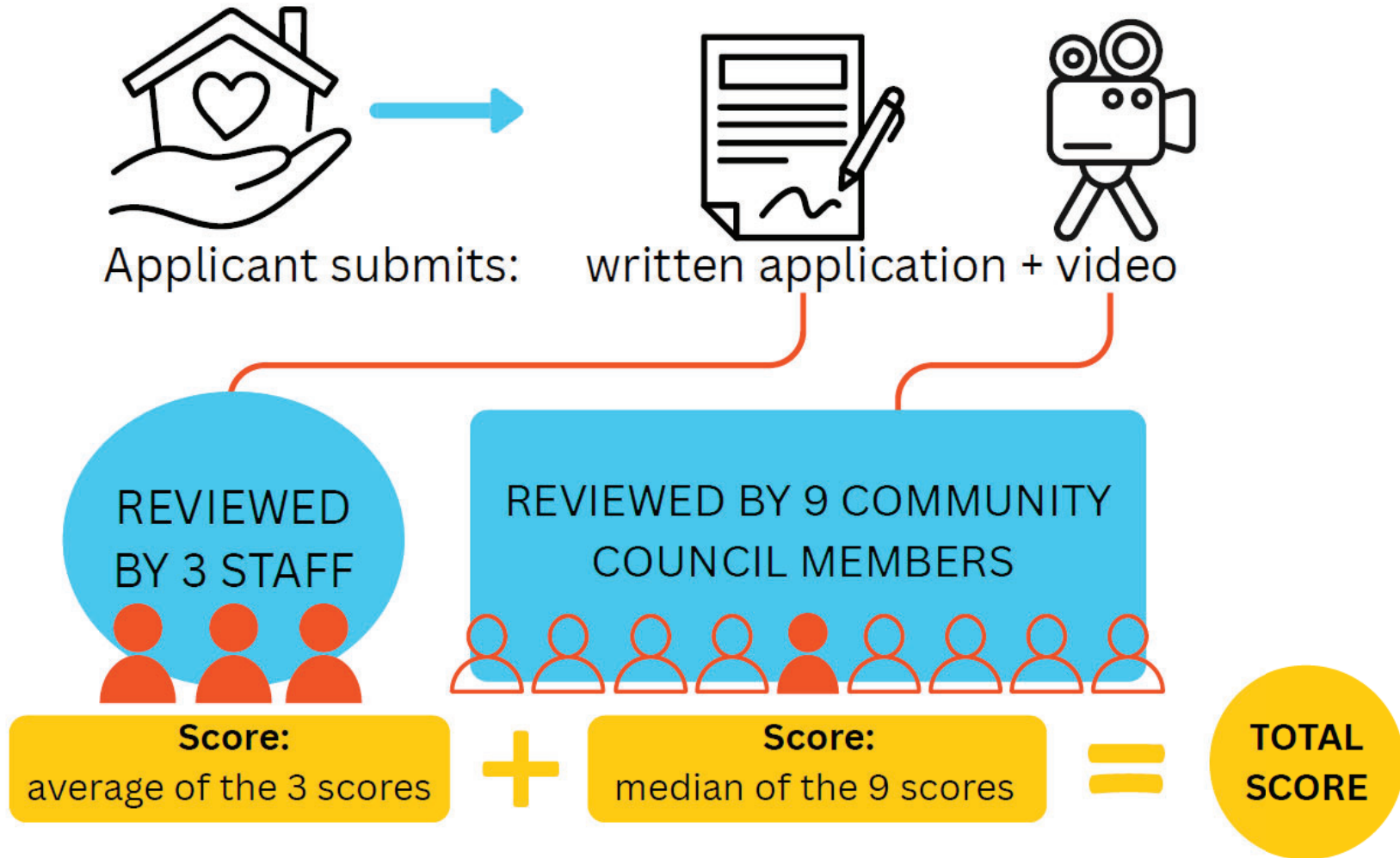
Review Allocation Committee grant funding decisions and any testimony provided directly to City Council.

**Approve or remand** entire package of grant funding decisions.

# Small grants growth

Metrics	2020	2025-26	% change
Number of applications received	31	55	77%
Number of applications to fund	7	12	71%
Total \$ requested (3 years)	\$4.4M	\$10.4M	136%
Total PCL small grants \$ (3 years)	\$1M	\$2.5M	150%

# PCL Small Grants application & scoring process



# Application score results

- Total available points = 76
- Median total score = 54
- Several applications had same total score  
Example: 5 applications scored 59

# Small Grants applicant pool, 2025-26

Program area	# apps rec'd	3-year request	Apps scoring median (54) or higher
After School	23	\$4.6 M	17
Mentoring	19	\$3.4 M	7
Hunger Relief	8	\$1.5 M	6
Early Childhood	3	\$480k	2
Foster Care	1	\$240k	1
Child Abuse Prev. & Interv.	1	\$147k	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>\$10.4 M</b>	<b>33</b>

# Community Council: policy frameworks

- Tools for Community Council
- 15 applications per framework
- All frameworks considered score

## Score order

- Typical grantmaking approach

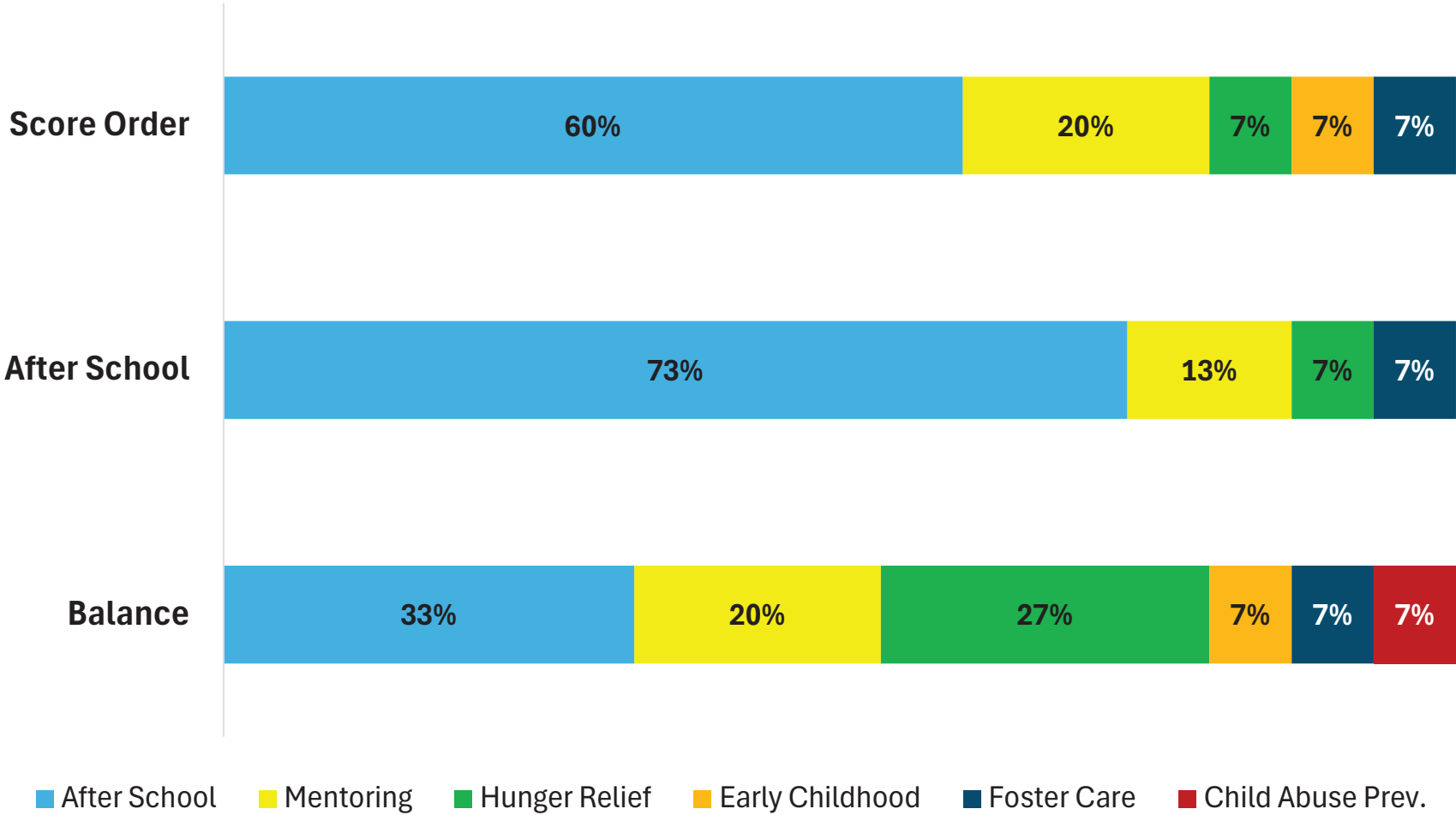
## After school focus

- High demand, high number score median/above
- Few resources for after school programs

## Balance program areas

- Meet range of needs
- More community engagement priorities

# Policy frameworks: Comparison



# Community Council voting process

- Individual, small group, and large group discussion
- Vote individually on 12 applications among 55
- Applications with majority of 9 votes
  - Tie among 3 apps with 4 of 9, for 12<sup>th</sup> place
  - Rounds of small/large group discussion
  - Second vote result had 1 app receive 5 of 9
- Ballot asked factors that most influenced votes
  - 7 of 9 said score was “highly influential”

# Recommendations to applicants and applicant testimony

- March 3: applicants received
  - Guide summarizing recommendations and process
  - Individual recommendation info
  - List of all applicants with recommendation/vote results
- March 3- 17: Applicants had opportunity to submit written testimony in support of their application.
- March 19: Testimony to Allocation Committee

# Small and large grants: context

Program Area	Small grants 3-yr recomm.	Range: % allocation large grants	Large grants 3-yr awards (millions)	% allocations w/ SG recs + current grants
After School	\$1.05M	15% - 18%	17%	18%
Mentoring	\$885k	14% - 17%	18%	18%
Early Childhood	\$240k	18% - 20%	19%	19%
Foster Care	\$240k	12% - 13%	12%	12%
Hunger Relief	\$140k	15% - 17%	14%	14%
Child Abuse Prev.	\$0	19% - 24%	19%	18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2.55M</b>	---	---	---

# Demand in PCL program areas

Program Area	# of small grants apps rec'd	# small grants apps recomm.	# large grants apps rec'd	# of large grants
After School	23	5	45	21
Mentoring	19	4	39	19
Hunger Relief	8	1	23	14
Early Childhood	3	1	19	11
Foster Care	1	1	18	12
Child Abuse Prev.	1	0	24	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>94</b>

# Facilitation of funding decisions

- AC members each provided individual funding preferences to staff
- Staff aggregated preferences to facilitate today
- Committee members will share reflections on their preferences
- Order discussion based on applications where Committee members have similar preferences, then to different preferences
- Vote on funding applications, and staff tracks balance as decisions are made

# Conflicts of interest disclosure

- Committee member, or immediate family member of Committee member with financial relationship, or appearance of financial relationship with an applicant
- Financial relationship includes working for or contracting with an applicant organization
- Family members include spouse, domestic partner, child, sibling, or in-law