

Program # 10015A - CCFC Activities

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Priority: Vibrant Communities

Lead Agency: Commission on

Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

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Related Programs:

Frameworks: School Aged Policy Framework, Early Childhood Framework, Poverty Framework

Executive Summary

To promote wellness for children and families and make "Multnomah County a Great Place to Grow Up and Live," CCFC develops policy and oversees implementation of the local Coordinated Comprehensive Plan; serves as Multnomah County's Community Action Board; engages/supports citizens in advancing the County's Frameworks and Positive Youth Development efforts; child abuse prevention, & connects people to resources.

Program Description

CCFC advances the policy frameworks (Early Childhood, School Age, and Poverty Elimination) and child abuse prevention through volunteer committees which engage in community planning, provide policy advice, foster additional community engagement/funding, and manage resources. The Multnomah Youth Commission (MYC) and Youth Innovation Fund (YIF) lead youth development. The MYC engages youth in creating policies/programs that positively impact youth. YIF, a partnership with PPS, Portland Schools Foundation, PSU, and the City of Portland has a youth-led philanthropy board funding youth-led civic projects. Community outreach efforts engage diverse groups in decision-making processes and inform citizens about community services.

Program Justification

CCFC's work fosters meaningful, diverse community involvement (e.g. CCFC's School Age Council supported 40 students @Roosevelt HS's Two Rivers alternative school to write letters & testify at the BCC to save their school's health Clinic & invited a County Commissioner to speak with them. Students were inspired by this experience to change their life course, graduate/attend college.) Last year, the CCFC engaged over 4,000 citizens with their local government and community. CCFC maximizes coordination with diverse partners (e.g. CCFC helped coordinate private tax preparers, federal IRS, State DHS, & local advocates to provide free tax prep for low-income families resulting in tax refunds for 100 participants). CCFC consistently maximizes the number served/impacted, with emphasis on helping those most in need (e.g. Summer Food outreach in four languages, locating community resources/activities, like Books-2-U, at meal sites increasing # of youth served by 56% over previous year or 24,000 meals--promoting literacy, providing after-school activities, maximizing coordination).

Performance Measures

(a) 200 diverse youth participate in community involvement/service; (b) 50 County employees/contractors/community partners receive positive youth development/youth-adult partnerships/youth engagement training; (c) Summer Food Participation increases 25%; (d) Child Care Provider Networks achieve quality standards set by the a validated Rating Scale; (e) 50 Native American youth participate in education/civic engagement process. (f) engage 4000 Multnomah County citizens in their local government and communities (g) Increase in the number of families engaging in the Community Safety Net system by 50% (currently 10% of all families referred engage with services, approx. 100 families per month are referred).

Summary of last year's program results and this year's expected results

In 2004, Summer Food outreach/expansion resulted in 56% more meals served (a total of 173,832 lunches were served) staff wrote grants (currently a finalist on one) to expand Summer Food Program- this year increase participation by 25%; two research-based childcare quality improvement pilot projects were launched; 40+ homeless youth gave feedback on service delivery/effectiveness increasing access to services by proposing shared agency activities and changes in program hours to reduce gaps in service hours; 665 youth identified pressing issues and YIF raised funds to increase youth/adult personal responsibility for solutions to issues (\$20,000 was invested, of which \$10,000 is local)- next year increase number of teachers trained in youth development leading to increases in attendance, reading and writing benchmark scores, and graduation rate; CCFC hosted new Child Abuse Prevention Month activities, resulting in increased access to child abuse prevention awareness and information- next year expand parent engagement in child abuse prevention through monthly newsletter & parent-mentor program resulting in a 50% increase in use of Safety Net Services; MYC engaged 35 youth in the creation of Portland's River Renaissance plan & planted 40 trees to achieve the goals of the plan; staff wrote & received grant for the Library's Early Words program, increasing funding for early childhood literacy. 200+ social service staff trained on OregonHelps.org increasing access to resources; 70 alternative school students engaged in civic engagement activities supporting their school's proposal for a \$150K school reform grant.

Program Mandate: 2 Mandated Program with Funding/Service Level Choice

In 1993, HB 2004 - Child Care Team Legislation - created the Oregon Commission on Children and Families. Local Board of County Commissioners were charged with creating a local Commission on Children and Families.

In 1998, through Ordinance No. 921, the Board of County Commissioners created the Commission on Children, Families and Community, which joined the Commission on Children and Families with the Community Action Agency Board (specified through Oregon Revised Statutes) to form the Commission on Children, Families and Community.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2005	2005	2006	2006
Personnel	\$0	\$338,405	\$0	\$310,227
Contracts	\$0	\$24,109	\$0	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$77,567	\$0	\$32,071
Internal Services	\$0	\$34,431	\$0	\$38,549
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$474,512	\$0	\$380,847
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$357,242
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$357,242
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$474,512	\$0	\$738,089
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Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.40
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$439,231	\$0	\$346,996
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$35,282	\$0	\$33,851
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$357,242
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$474,513	\$0	\$738,089

Explanation of Revenues

This program is supported by grant funding from the State of Oregon Commission on Children & Families, the federal Community Services Block Grant, State of Oregon Community Safety Net, and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Grant funds are estimated based on the FY 2005 appropriation.

Significant Program Changes

Two years ago, the CCFC gave back its allocation of County General Fund in one of the budget reduction phases. In the current biennium (beginning July 2003) State funding was drastically reduced. The CCFC budget decreased by more than 1/2 and staffing is currently 7.2 FTE.

This offer represents a further decrease in activity/capacity for FY 2006, as funding from the State/Federal government remain constant (in this funding estimate), and costs continue to rise. Total staff capacity would be reduced to 6 FTE.