

Priority: Accountability

Lead Agency: Commission on

Program Offer Type: New Program

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Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Multnomah Youth Commission, a committee of the Commission on Children, Families and Community, engages youth in the work of Multnomah County and provides training to county staff and contractors to increase their capacity for youth engagement.

Program Description

The MYC is 32 voting and 10 at-large members between the ages of 13-21. MYC represents 5 public school districts; private, alternative, charter, and home schooled students; Approx. 50% of MYCers are youth of color; youth from the homeless youth and foster care systems; teen parents; immigrant and refugee youth; middle schoolers; and college-age students. This program offer increases their involvement with the County by reviewing and providing input on policies and programs that impact the lives of youth. This level of youth engagement would put Multnomah County at the vanguard of the youth engagement field. This offer helps improve the quality, efficiency, and effectiveness of the County's efforts to support and serve young people because County interventions would directly reflect the needs and opinions of the target population. This program offer would increase the amount of technical assistance the MYC can provide. With current resources, MYC could conduct approx. 1-2 trainings a year this offer increases by 3-4 trainings.

Program Justification

-Perception of trust and confidence: Unlike other constituencies, young people cannot vote and so have no formal voice in the issues that will impact them. Without seeking the opinions of young people we risk creating programs and policies that are ineffective, don't meet the needs of the intended population, and ultimately fail to achieve desired outcomes.
 -Price of Government: Youth Development Research shows that youth involvement in youth development activities actually lowers government costs through better academic success for youth engaged, higher adult wages, decreased youth involvement in risky behaviors, and decreased program costs through the value of volunteer service. Myers in "What Are Volunteers Worth- And What Do They Cost?" noted a European study found that every \$1.57 spent leveraged \$2.05 and \$21.24 in help.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY04-05)	Current Year Purchased (FY05-06)	Current Year Estimate (FY05-06)	Next Year Offer (FY06-07)
Output	Number of Citizens (youth) Engaged in County Government	0	0	0	600
Outcome	Additional resources leveraged in dollars	0	0	0	50,000
Output	Hours of citizen engagement training received by county	0	0	0	80
Quality	Percentage of trainees who feel they are more able to engage youth	0	0	0	65

Performance Measure - Description

-600 citizens engaged are youth. This is approximately a 100% increase over 10009A.
 -Reduced staff capacity forced us to pass on a grant in February that was worth between 50,000 and 200,000. This grant is available again in August and the Foundation has urged us to apply.
 -Each training has 10-20 participants who receive an average of 90 minutes of training. These 80 training hours are above the 30 provided in offer #10009 and represents a 266% increase in service to the county.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

There are no legal/contractual obligations.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$51,289	\$0
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$6,800	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$63,089	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$63,089	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$63,089	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.75	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

There are no revenues for this program.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was:

Last year, this program was included in the CCFC's general activities program offer. This year, our basic capacity is included in the CCFC's general activities and this offer scales up the involvement of youth in county decisions but also the number of youth development/engagement trainings we conduct with county employees and contractors. Last fiscal year we conducted trainings for Multnomah County Libraries, and New Avenues for Youth (a funded contractor for homeless youth services) reaching approximately 40 county employees/contractors/volunteers. We have multiple requests for trainings that we can not accept due to staff capacity. This offer would allow us to conduct an additional 3-4 trainings reaching an additional 60-80 participants (and 90-120 hours of training). We currently have 3 pending requests from County departments.