

**Lead Agency:** Commission on  
**Program Offer Type:** Innovative/New Program  
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**Related Programs:** 40016, 40018, 40019, 40020, 40021, 40022, 40023, 40024, 40026, 40029A, 25075  
**Program Characteristics:** One-Time-Only Request

**Executive Summary**

Income is the most basic indicator of a family's economic security. Additionally costs like Health Care and Education can either serve to destabilize a family's economic security or, when families are able to invest in these areas, can greatly increase their self sufficiency and ability to generate wealth and avoid financial instability. This program offers expands the County's investment in free tax preparation and financial education to include enrollment of children in the Oregon Health Plan and support for older children and adult learners to complete the Federal Application for Financial Student Aid (FAFSA). The State of Oregon has invested in expanding health insurance to all children through the Healthy Kids initiative and the Commission on Children, Families & Community (CCFC) is well poised to leverage a small 1-time investment of County resources to ensure as many children enroll in Healthy Kids as possible and that Multnomah County increases its revenues from OHP and Medicaid.

**Program Description**

The CCFC currently coordinates financial education and free tax preparation for 1,000 low and moderate income families & individuals. These services, covered in program offer 10011A are provided during the tax season Nov-April. By expanding this program to a full year and hiring limited duration staff the CCFC is able to help families year round to not only file their taxes and back taxes but also to enroll in the Oregon Health Plan, apply for state benefits like temporary aid to needy families and food stamps, and support students in completing the FAFSA form to ensure that families receive as much financial aid as possible to make college education a reality for their children or parents returning to school.

This is a smart investment because Multnomah County current serves many children who are uninsured. In school based health centers alone, over 50% of clients are uninsured. By ensuring as many children as possible are insured this program offer increases not just the economic security of families but also of Multnomah County through increased Medicaid and other 3rd party billing revenues.

This effort will focus on serving children and families of color who have been shown to not have equitable access to community resources due to inherent bias and limited social capital. This offer will supplement and enhance services being provided by the Department of County Human Services, Health, and Community Justice.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY08-09)	Current Year Purchased (FY09-10)	Current Year Estimate (FY09-10)	Next Year Offer (FY10-11)
Output	Number of children enrolled in Healthy Kids	0	0	0	250
Outcome	% of spanish speaking families served	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%
Output	Number of completed FAFSA forms submitted	0	0	0	400
Efficiency	Ratio of federal/state dollars leveraged for every 1 MultCo dollar	0	0	0	15

**Performance Measure - Description**

Outreach teams would help families enroll in Oregon Health Plan, complete current year taxes and previous year taxes as well as targeted outreach to support student/adult learner completion of FAFSA. While services will be targeted to youth and families of color, due to specific needs in East County we will gauge our success in engaging Spanish-speaking families.

Value of tax refunds and average food stamp benefits used to calculate leverage of 1.5 million dollars. Actual leverage will be higher as it will include value of financial aid received from successful FAFSA and billing revenues to Multnomah County services (which we did not estimate in this program offer for lack of a reliable estimation formula).

**Legal/Contractual Obligation**

None.

**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2010	2010	2011	2011
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$92,127	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$3,293	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$1,700	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$97,120</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Program Total:	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$97,120</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Total Revenue:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Explanation of Revenues**

Revenues for this program offer would be one-time only County General Fund. The dollars would leverage federal and state assistance in the forms of Food Stamp Benefits, value of health care benefits, federal financial aid benefits, and 3rd party billing revenues for county provided health and mental health services.

**Significant Program Changes****Last year this program was:**

This is a scaled offer of last years 10011, Family Economic Security.