

**Lead Agency:** Commission on

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**Program Offer Type:** Innovative/New Program

**Related Programs:**

**Program Characteristics:** Out of Target

### Executive Summary

There is growing evidence that high-quality youth programs are more likely to produce positive youth outcomes. Yet many organizations struggle to build the youth worker competency and organizational capacity necessary to attain this level of quality. This program offer will establish a youth development intermediary, housed within the CCFC, that will strengthen the quality, accessibility and sustainability of the local out-of-school time system currently funded by the County. This proposed project design is informed by research on best practices emerging from youth development intermediaries around the nation. By providing professional development and quality assessment to our current investments in out-of-school time supports the County will improve the outcomes of these programs and the youth they work with.

### Program Description

While there are a number of innovative youth programs funded by the County, the investments in out-of-school time lack coordination. Unlike other localities that have developed coordinated networks of support for out-of-school time (Prime Time in Palm Beach, Community Network for Youth Development in San Francisco, After School and Beyond in Boston, or Afterschool Institute in Baltimore), there is no youth development "system" locally. The result is a lack of strategic coordination among, and investment in, youth programs. A small investment of general fund will leverage other jurisdictions, local and national funders, and business investments to:

- Improve the quality of youth programs through networking, professional development and technical assistance.
- Increase coordination among providers, grant-makers and public agencies in order to maximize scarce resources and minimize duplication.
- Create a vehicle to represent the out-of-school time field in community-wide efforts to promote positive youth development.

Camp Fire Columbia, Multnomah County SUN Service System, the Portland Children's Levy, and CCFC are working with the support of Oregon ASK and Oregon Mentors to establish the youth development intermediary. The initiative will target, in phases, three different levels of the out-of-school time field:

**1) INDIVIDUAL YOUTH WORKER**

Core Strategy: Offer on-going training/coaching to youth workers on common issues.

**2) YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Core Strategy: Offer resources and technical assistance to programs in using the Youth Program Quality Assessment tool to identify and address areas for program enhancement.

**3) OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME SYSTEM**

Core Strategy: Strengthen the infrastructure of the local out-of-school time field through systems-building and alignment projects.

As quality of programs increase we can expect to serve more at-risk children for longer periods of time due to improved attendance and engagement in OST programs.

### Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY09-10)	Current Year Purchased (FY10-11)	Current Year Estimate (FY10-11)	Next Year Offer (FY11-12)
Output	Unduplicated trainees:topic-improved program quality	0	0	0	100
Outcome	Trainees report improved ability to provide high quality service to youth	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	85.0%
Output	\$\$ secured w/Co. General Fund	0	0	0	250,000

### Performance Measure - Description

- Program staff will track number of attendees per training by name to be able to produce unduplicated numbers.
- Evaluations will be done for each training so program staff can capture feedback and show evidence (self-report) of whether trainings improve youth workers ability to provide high quality services.
- This program offer represents a small portion of the total cost of effort. We believe this investment of County resources should yield a minimum of a 1:5 return on investment benefiting youth programs including SUN, juvenile justice and the homeless youth continuum supported by County General Fund.

**Legal/Contractual Obligation**

None

**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
<b>Program Expenses</b>	2011	2011	2012	2012
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Program Total:	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$50,000</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Total Revenue:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Explanation of Revenues**

Once fully funded the budget for the project in FY12 is \$424,000. The bulk of the project will be funded by private foundations who fund youth serving organizations in Multnomah County. The planning partners SUN, CCFC, and the Portland Children's Levy are all contributing start up capital (PCL pending). The project plan works to create sustainable funding for the project over a three year period by generating fees for offered trainings and a system of "retainers" which will allow local funders to purchase access for all their funded programs to the Youth Development Intermediary hosted trainings.

**Significant Program Changes**

**Last year this program was:**

This is a new program offer.