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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

When youth feel safe, have a sense of belonging, and their culture and choices are honored, they have positive academic and life outcomes. Successful Families (SF) agencies provide culturally specific, community-based services and support for children of color age 12-17 and their families. Program flexibility will be crucial as the uncertainty of COVID-19 continues to disproportionately impact Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities in Multnomah County.

Program Summary

ISSUE: Educational barriers for children and youth of color in Multnomah County are pervasive and persistent. Youth of color in the community experience disparate outcomes due to racism, systemic oppression, intergenerational trauma, and poverty. Investing in proven culturally responsive and culturally specific practices, in partnership with school districts and school personnel, works to eliminate these barriers. During the pandemic, youth engagement and participation in distance learning has decreased significantly. Youth social emotional supports are needed more as youth feel isolated.

PROGRAM GOAL: SF brings together community experts to help school districts and community agencies build more culturally specific services for communities of color. SF improves culturally responsive, specific, and relevant service strategies in our school districts so that children of color succeed academically. Increased access to social services and additional learning opportunities outside of, but connected to the classroom, are promising practices for reducing the achievement gap. During COVID-19 the focus for SF is to build on the relationships already established and support youth's needs ranging from distance learning, housing, social emotional needs, and culturally specific youth groups.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: This initiative provides culturally responsive, specific and relevant services using a collective impact model to increase school readiness and academic achievement for a successful adult transition. This is a coordinated approach which includes culturally specific and responsive organizations, school districts and Multnomah County. One-on-one activities include youth engagement, leadership development, homework support, college and career readiness. Group activities focus on cultural identity, financial literacy, after-school engagement, sports, recreation, and theater arts. Most of these activities have shifted virtually during the pandemic. Virtual and phone parent engagement ensures understanding the English Language Learner classes, financial literacy, and the public school environment so they can support their children. The services of SF are primarily provided in two school districts: Reynolds and David Douglas.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Number of Youth Served	1,467	1,000	1,000	1,000
Outcome	Percent students served who attended school regularly (are not chronically absent) ¹	73%	80%	80%	80%
Output	Number of parents/legal guardians/regular caregivers served	466	700	700	700
Outcome	% of parents/legal guardians/regular caregivers who are engaged w/ schools and monitoring progress	94%	75%	75%	75%

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹ This figure reflects through Quarter 2 only. Due to the pandemic, additional data is not available.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Contractual Services	\$2,217,104	\$0	\$2,176,295	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$2,217,104	\$0	\$2,176,295	\$0
Program Total:	\$2,217,104		\$2,176,295	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2021: 25137 YFS - Promise Neighborhoods Initiative

For FY 2022 contract administration for this program will shift to Youth and Family Services, and will no longer be contracted to the United Way.