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

**Executive Summary**

The Early Kindergarten Transition (EKT) program is a three week summer program to engage entering kindergartners, who have had little to no preschool experience, and their parents/caregivers.

**Program Summary**

Research shows a strong correlation between successful kindergarten transition and overall success in elementary school. Locally we know that 54% of kindergartners enter elementary school unprepared to be successful. The transition into kindergarten can therefore be less than smooth. The impact of this is experienced by the child, their parent/caregiver, the kindergarten teacher and other students in the class.

The three-week Early Kindergarten Transition Program at SUN Community Schools offers children and their parent/caregiver the opportunity to learn about school routines, meet school staff, and build their comfort level with the elementary school setting. The program provides a kindergarten-like classroom experience for incoming students, taught by a kindergarten teacher at that school. The program specifically targets children of color and English Language Learners who have not had prior preschool experience. The aim is to develop social-emotional skills such as listening to directions, understanding routines and taking turns. Parent educators provide education for parents/caregivers to orient them to the school expectations and routines and demonstrate ways parents can support their children at home so that they will be successful in school. Multnomah County Early Childhood librarians teach parents how to read to their children, select appropriate books and connect with library resources.

Over each of the past five years the number of SUN Community School sites that offer EKT has grown, due largely to school district investment as they increasingly see the value of EKT for their incoming kindergartners and parents/caregivers. In Fiscal Year 2016 (summer 2015), 41 SUN Community Schools offered EKT; 785 children and 552 parents/caregivers participated. In summer 2016, three more sites will be added through funding from Early Learning Multnomah. This program represents layering of social service supports using the SUN Community School platform. It is a partnership across the school districts, SUN CS Lead Agencies, Portland State University (PSU), the SUN Service System and Multnomah County Library to support successful transition into kindergarten. Research by PSU has fostered a continuous improvement approach to both study the program elements during its implementation and make adjustments to the program model in the subsequent year to be more effective.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY15 Actual	FY16 Purchased	FY16 Estimate	FY17 Offer
Output	Number of children who participate in summer Early Kindergarten Transition.	785	640	785	820
Outcome	Percent of parents who report comfort with activities they can engage in at home to support their child in school.	95%	90%	95%	90%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2016	2016	2017	2017
Personnel	\$92,965	\$0	\$98,296	\$0
Contractual Services	\$211,728	\$173,500	\$211,728	\$312,524
Materials & Supplies	\$100	\$0	\$12,957	\$0
Internal Services	\$10,860	\$0	\$11,255	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$315,653</b>	<b>\$173,500</b>	<b>\$334,236</b>	<b>\$312,524</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$489,153</b>		<b>\$646,760</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$173,500	\$0	\$221,250
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$91,274
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$173,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$312,524</b>

Explanation of Revenues

\$173,500 - Portland Public Schools based on current year award; \$91,274 - Kindergarten Innovation Grant based on current year award ; \$47,750 Early Kindergarten Transition SVP based on award.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2016: 25152A-16 Early Kindergarten Transition Program