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Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The need to support youth of color has never been higher. The COVID-19 pandemic has isolated youth, cut off their connections to school, peers and community, and is having tremendous impacts on social and mental health. Creating opportunities for safe and healthy connection and support is vital as the community slowly transitions back into more in-person connections and services (school, community and employment). This process will mean other stressful transitions given that any return to in-person support will not look or feel the same as pre-COVID circumstances. Such transitions and unknowns are stressful. This program provides healthy group and individual connections for youth living in the Cully neighborhood of NE Portland.

Program Summary

ISSUE: The Cully neighborhood has been identified as a high-crime, high-poverty and gang-involvement hot spot, where young people lack resources and programming for the youth, and face a host of risk factors, including youth violence, bullying, gang recruitment, poor academic achievement and dropping out of school. Youth in the community deserve culturally specific and age-appropriate connections and relationships.

PROGRAM GOALS: The program goal is to provide youth with safe, trusting and culturally relevant connections so that they can learn about their unique cultural heritages, advocate for their neighborhood and communities, expand their horizons and learn valuable skills for life, leadership, and success.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: A focus early on in this new program will be to support youth and their families to transition "back" into school and community life outside of quarantine. Re-building a sense of self and community will be an important foundation. Providing space for youth to share and experience peer and adult support are critical to long term resiliency. The Bienestar Youth Program will provide a reliable and stabilizing presence and resource for youth facing difficult situations in the NE community. The program will give youth an opportunity to learn and grow as community leaders, prepare for college and careers, a chance to explore community service, outdoor recreation, and career development through daily activities, programs and field trips. This will take place through individual and group activities focused on a range of issues: social emotional learning, academic support, healthy adult relationships, life skills training, recreational opportunities, exposure to career paths, and support to access social services.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Number of youth engaged in service	N/A	N/A	N/A	30
Outcome	Percentage of youth reporting positive experience with the Bienestar Youth Program	N/A	N/A	N/A	75%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Legal / Contractual Obligation**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$108,594	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$11,406	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$120,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$120,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues**Significant Program Changes**

Last Year this program was: