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Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs: 25159A & B
Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

The High School Graduation Initiative will invest in new or existing efforts focused on high school graduation and college or career readiness. The efforts will ensure that County investments in high school supports are directed to students of color and in ways that promote graduation and strengthen existing efforts. In addition, more opportunities will be developed so that high school students at risk of not graduating will have supports and resources to graduate and transition to college and/or career readiness activities.

Program Summary

ISSUE: Multnomah County and Oregon have unacceptably low graduation rates, and for students of color these rates are persistently low. Non-graduating students face poor job prospects. Improving these rates is an economic imperative. Evidence on cost-effective ways to improve graduation rates is still evolving but generally points to the need to increase adult-student interactions. SUN Community Schools and other partners are poised to implement more targeted efforts that can foster these relationships.

PROGRAM GOAL: The goal is to improve graduation rates, and support college or career readiness, for students of color who are at risk of not graduating. Activities will center on engaging students and their families through focused, culturally responsive and specific approaches. There is evidence pointing to the success of connecting more adults (teachers, counselors, monitors, mentors) with high schoolers as a key strategy to boost school completion.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: Activities will include: developing a targeted youth success coaching/advocacy model that builds from evidence-based dropout prevention models and local expertise in SUN Community Schools. A recent report by ECONorthwest highlights the importance of targeted or "narrowly focused" supports aimed at students most at risk for not graduating. Such activities may include: one-on-one coaching/mentoring, group based supports, focused classes, individualized tutoring, credit recovery, and/or post-high school college/career activities. Support to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) will be another activity as it is a proven gateway to promote post-high school educational endeavors. Activities will intentionally create opportunities for more connections between youth and adults.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY16 Actual	FY17 Purchased	FY17 Estimate	FY18 Offer
Output	Number of students who engage in college or career readiness activities	N/A	N/A	N/A	100
Outcome	Number of 12th grade students who complete FAFSA application	N/A	N/A	N/A	80%
Outcome	Percentage of students that indicate strengthened attitude toward post graduation aspirations	N/A	N/A	N/A	70%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2017	2017	2018	2018
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$250,000	
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: