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

Executive Summary

The Multnomah Mothers' Trust Project (MMTP) Year 2 - will continue to partner with approximately 100 Black female-headed households with children currently receiving services from one of two community-based programs. Families receive an unconditional monthly basic income, and serve as participant researchers in equity and human centered collaborative design processes that explore and plan for future implementation of Baby Bonds!, debt reduction, homeownership, and other asset building initiatives.

Program Summary

ISSUE: Hope is a research-based component for change. Black joy is an act of resistance. The challenge of supporting BIPOC families living on a low-income in building hope (and autonomy, self-determination, and mastery), using County provided resources, in the face of structural white supremacy is real. Success will require the willingness to question “what we know” and who is in poverty and why, and to take smart risks to test new approaches and strategies.

As we continue to respond to the immediate needs of our community in the pandemic, we must also focus on building the pathway to a racially just and equitable economic recovery. Our community’s recovery from the pandemic must close or eliminate the African American racial wealth gap.

PROGRAM GOAL: There is a growing body of national and international research that points to the availability of unconditional cash transfer, basic income, debt reduction, and asset building as particularly effective strategies in meeting this challenge. Locally conducted applied research tests show that when households living on a low-income are trusted to know what they need, and are provided access to financial resources, they are able to inoculate against the negative impacts of poverty and make improvement in their quality of life, economic stability, and their children’s educational success in spite of white supremacy structures and culture. MMTP Year 1 data from the first five months, supports these findings.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: MMTP partners with approximately 100 Black female-headed households with children who are current participants with two community based, culturally specific organizations. Families receive an unconditional, basic income of approximately \$500 per month. They also serve as participant researchers in one of two ways - using an existing database, providing monthly information about their economic state, and/or participating in equity and human centered collaborative design processes related to Baby Bonds!, debt reduction, homeownership, and other asset building initiatives.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	# of Black female-headed HH with children served	N/A	N/A	N/A	100
Outcome	% of HH served who participate as MMTP researchers	N/A	N/A	N/A	50%
Outcome	% of HH served who report positive increase in quality of life, economic stability, and/or child educational success	N/A	N/A	N/A	80%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Measures above, and others, are provided through comprehensive reports from the database organization. Both quantitative and qualitative data is measured, analyzed, and reported.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$0	\$134,245	\$0	\$134,245
Contractual Services	\$0	\$490,755	\$0	\$1,215,755
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$625,000	\$0	\$1,350,000
Program Total:	\$625,000		\$1,350,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$625,000	\$0	\$1,350,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$625,000	\$0	\$1,350,000

Explanation of Revenues

\$1,350,000 - American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County Funding

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 25399B ARP - Multnomah Mothers' Trust Project (MMTP)

This program addresses the County's priority of Crisis Response & Community Recovery. The pandemic has exacerbated long standing racial and economic injustices. Funds provide basic monthly income through unconditional cash transfer to 100 Black/African American mothers with families who have been negatively impacted by the pandemic, in addition to using design practices to plan for future implementation of Baby Bonds! and other asset building opportunities for these families.