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

Executive Summary

In Multnomah County, SUN Community Schools (SUN CS) have shifted priorities during the pandemic to help families remain housed, keep food on the table, and access other life saving resources. Feedback from our provider agencies, especially our culturally specific providers, has made it clear that this current level of round the clock support is not sustainable, particularly as COVID-19 cases decrease and site managers shift focus back to providing in person enrichment opportunities for youth. Having Family Resource Navigators at Community School sites allows us to expand our focus while continuing to support family basic needs by ensuring that there is infrastructure and capacity to do so.

Program Summary

ISSUE: The link between academic performance and student experiences related to health, well-being, family and community is undeniable. Before learning can take place, a student's basic needs must be met. This is even more true for students and families of color, who bear the brunt of a legacy of structural racism and systemic oppression. During the pandemic, SUN Community School site managers have supported families 24/7 in order to help meet their basic needs. As reopening happens and focus returns to in-person programming for students, the capacity for staff to continue supporting families in complex resource navigation will decrease. Yet, the need for basic needs support soars, particularly for black, indigenous, and families of color. The pandemic has exacerbated existing inequities in technology, food, and housing, as well as employment and health - all of which are complex systems to navigate alone, especially if English is not your first language or you cannot access the technological resources to do so. Having a Family Resource Navigator reduces these barriers by allowing providers to walk alongside families who are navigating these systems of support, building skills and confidence along the way, so that families can access any and all potential resources and help their students learn.

PROGRAM GOAL: Provide staffing capacity at each SUN Community School in order to support families in accessing resources and work collaboratively with school building administrators.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: Increase capacity of SUN CS sites to provide a 0.50 FTE Family Resource Navigator (FRN) who is culturally responsive and supports the needs of families, prioritizing families of color. FRNs will collaborate with school building administrators, SUN Youth Advocates, P-3 Coordinators, PCDS, and other community partners to identify families who could use additional support navigating systems of care. The FRN will also work with the SUN site manager to support family engagement strategies in order to gain trust and build relationships with families so they can feel comfortable asking for support.

Performance Measures

| Measure Type | Primary Measure | FY20 Actual | FY21 Budgeted | FY21 Estimate | FY22 Offer |
|--------------|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Output | Number of households who receive support from Family Resource Navigator | N/A | N/A | N/A | 9,200 |
| Outcome | Percent of Black, Indigenous, and Families of Color who receive support with basic needs and system navigation. | N/A | N/A | N/A | 70% |

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Adopted General Fund | Adopted Other Funds | Adopted General Fund | Adopted Other Funds |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2021 | 2021 | 2022 | 2022 |
| Contractual Services | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$4,073,000 |
| Total GF/non-GF | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$4,073,000 |
| Program Total: | \$0 | | \$4,073,000 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| Program Revenues | | | | |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------|
| Intergovernmental | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$4,073,000 |
| Total Revenue | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$4,073,000 |

Explanation of Revenues

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County Funding - \$4,073,000

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

This program addresses the Crisis Response & Community Recovery priority. Adding staff capacity to SUN Community Schools creates opportunity for deeper connection with families and support as they navigate complex social service systems to access basic needs supports. SUN Community Schools are an integral part of 92 schools in Multnomah County.