

February 18, 2016

Board of County Commissioner
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

**Approval to apply for Preschool Promise: Mixed Delivery Model Grant
from Oregon Department of Education – Early Learning Division**

Purpose/Outcomes	Create 100 slots of affordable high-quality, culturally-relevant preschool options for families experiencing poverty.
Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact	Application asks for 10,000 to 15,000 per slot equaling a potential of 1-million to 1.5-million in funds.
Funding Source	Oregon Department of Education- Early Learning Division
Duration	Upon signature, agreement covers the period of May 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
Previous Board Action	This request has not previously been referred to the Board.
Strategic Plan Alignment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Individuals and Families in need are healthy and safe. 2. Ensure safe, healthy and secure communities.
Contact Person	Rodney A. Cook, Director CYF 503-650-5677
Contract No.	N/A

Background: The Children, Youth and Families Division of the Health, Housing and Human Services Department request the approval to apply for the Preschool Promise: Mixed Delivery Model Grant from the Department of Education, Early Learning Division.

The mixed-delivery model is a limited pilot and will likely fund four or five regions of the state. Funding for mixed-delivery preschool will be directed through the selected Early Learning Hubs in order to encourage collaboration among programs and promote a regional approach to serving families. Clackamas County Early Learning Hub’s leadership has elected to pursue a joint application with three other Hubs that include: Early Learning Multnomah, Early Learning Washington County and Northwest Early Learning Council Hub. Collectively, this partnership covers six Oregon counties: Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Multnomah, Tillamook, and Washington. These six counties represent 1.8 million people and 47% of Oregon’s total population. This shared approach provides a level of shared learning, efficiency in support and training, and systems building that any individual Hub would have difficulty achieving.

Recommendation:

We recommend the approval of this request to apply and that Richard Swift, Director of Health, Housing, and Human Services be authorized to sign all documents necessary on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Swift, Director
Health, Housing & Human Services