

Frequently Asked Questions

Children's Board FY12 Funding Plan

1. What does the Children's Board hope to gain from the plan to release all program funds and require providers to re-apply for program funding?

- Funding will be aligned with the CBHC goal: "Children are succeeding in school by third grade," and will contribute to achieving the desired results.
- Releasing ALL program funding creates a level playing field and allows all eligible programs to align their proposed services to the Children's Board strategic direction.
- Funding will be grounded in research-based approaches with standardized outcomes and measurement.
 - Comparability across similar programs will be possible. (Current programs have been funded over time for different outcomes and to respond to community needs or crises.)
 - CBHC can demonstrate and communicate results and impact.
 - Children will be "better off."
- Funds will be available to support new partners.
 - Since all funds are currently allocated and revenue projections are lower than expected, new funding is extremely limited.
 - While the CBHC intended to provide stable funding over time, over fifty percent of funded programs have received funding for over five years; nearly one-third have received funding for ten years or more.

2. What is the timetable?

- **June 9, 2011 Board Committees and Board Workshop**
 - **Community Education and Awareness Committee:** Recommendations to implement the Children's Board Outreach Plan will be reviewed.
 - **Board Workshop:** updated Strategic Plan will be reviewed; findings from the annual program performance reviews and program recommendations will be discussed. Programs that are not performing adequately will not be recommended for continued funding beyond September 30, 2011. Programs performing adequately will be offered a six-month contract, extending their current contract to March 31, 2012.

- **Finance Committee:** Preliminary FY 12 budget and options will be reviewed.

- **June 23, 2011 Regular Board Meeting**
 - Strategic Plan Update will be presented for approval.
 - Preliminary FY 12 budget will be presented for approval. Final decisions will be made about programs not recommended for continuation and programs that will be extended.

- **August 26, 2011 Regular Board Meeting and Budget Workshop**
 - FY 12 final budget will be presented for approval.
 - The **draft** Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) will be reviewed and approved for public comment.

- **August 27-September 15:** NOFA public comment period.

- **October 1, 2011:** NOFA will be officially released; bidder's conferences will provide information and technical assistance.

- **November 10, 2011:** Deadline for submission of written questions on NOFA.

- **December 15, 2011:** Proposals will be due to the Children's Board.

- **Feb. 23, 2012 Regular Board Meeting**
 - New funding recommendations will be approved.
 - Contract negotiations will commence immediately.

- **April 1, 2012:** New contracts begin.

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