

COVER SHEET – AGENDA ITEM #C4

For Commission Meeting: September 12, 2016

“Community Technology Grant Cycle Funding Allocation & Pre-Application Deadline”

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission allocate \$800,000 for Community Technology grants in the FY2016-17 competitive process and establish a Pre-Application deadline of December 6, 2016.

Background

Annually the Commission allocates funds and establishes an application deadline for the Community Technology Grant cycle.

Staff recommends that the Commission launch a competitive grant cycle similar to last year’s Pre-Application process with a pre-application deadline date of December 6, 2016. The competitive grant cycle is open to non-profit organizations, government agencies and community colleges and public universities in Multnomah County. Kx12 educational institutions are not eligible to apply since these organizations are the focus of the TechSmart Initiative. In addition, staff recommends dedicating \$800,000 for the competitive round, which represents about one-third of funds available for community technology grants in FY16-17.

2017 competitive process summary:

- Organizations apply through an online Pre-Application process by December 6.
- At its January 2017 meeting, the MHCRC decides which Pre-Applications it would like staff to pursue within the approximate \$800,000 available for funding.
- Staff works with each chosen organization to finalize a full application and grant contract.
- The MHCRC approves final contracts at a MHCRC meeting in March, May or June.

2016 funding summary:

- At its January meeting the MHCRC selected 7 Pre-Applications totaling \$791,281 to move forward.
- Assuming the MHCRC terminates the contract with Holla Foundation (Agenda item C2) and approves the contract with Wisdom of the Elders (Agenda item C3), the final grant contract total awarded for the 2016 competitive cycle amounts to \$735,714.

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