

April 17, 2024

BCC Agenda Date/Item: 4/25/2024

Board of County Commissioners
 Clackamas County

**A Public Hearing on the completion of the Child Care Scholarship Program, as required by the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Emergency Fund.
 No County General Funds are involved.**

Previous Board Action/Review	03/21/2024 – Public Hearing date scheduled with the Clerk to the Board via memo.		
Performance Clackamas	This funding aligns with the County’s Performance Clackamas goal to grow a vibrant economy.		
Counsel Review	N/A	Procurement Review	N/A
Contact Person	Dani Stamm Thomas	Contact Phone	971-288-8264

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Clackamas County Children Family and Community Connections (CFCC) Division of the Health, Housing and Human Services Department requests the Board hold a public hearing to review the child care scholarship programs supported through COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CARES ACT PROGRAM FUNDS FOR COVID-19 (CDBG-CV) IMPACT ASSISTANCE and receive public testimony. This public hearing will satisfy the federal CDBG requirement through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to receive public comment on funded activities through this grant.

As required, County staff posted public notice of this meeting on the County webpage on 4/11/2024, two weeks prior to the public meeting date in English and Spanish. The public comment period will end at the conclusion of the public meeting, written comments are being accepted until 4/17/2024 so that they may be presented to the board prior to the public meeting. Public notice was also posted on social media and in Pamplin Media news.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff respectfully recommends that the Board of County Commissioners conduct the public hearing as scheduled to receive public input on the Child Care Scholarship Program as required by HUD for CDBG-CV funding.

Respectfully submitted,

Rodney A. Cook

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 Director of Health, Housing and Human Services

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Attachments:

1. Public Notice
2. CDBG Scholarship Brief

CDBG Project Completion Brief

PROJECT NAME: Child Care Scholarship

TIMELINE: March 15 2023–May 15 2024

GRANT AMOUNT: \$250,000

BACKGROUND	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BCC held a public meeting on Sept 22, 2022 to receive public testimony and approved CFCC’s application for the emergency grant.• County was awarded \$250,000 to give out child care scholarships.• Final public hearing for outcomes of the project April 25, 2024 enables CFCC to submit final reports as required.
TARGET RECIPIENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children living in low to moderate income households based on HUD guidelines<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ 0–12 years of age◦ Attending or looking to attend a licensed child care program in Clackamas County◦ Not receiving other subsidies or free programming for child care
GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Support at least 50 children with scholarships of up to three months of child care tuition paid directly to a licensed child care program<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Of those 50<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. At least 5% of those benefiting be from varied populations of race and ethnicity in accordance with census data for Clackamas Countyii. Connect families who do not already have child care to a program
OUTCOMES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 79 children were awarded scholarships for three months of tuition<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ 67% white, 33% other races and ethnicities◦ 92% English, 5% Spanish, 3% Chinese primary language◦ 49% Low income, 51% moderate income• Financially supporting 36 local child care programs<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ 1 non profit◦ 3 school districts◦ 28 small businesses

Public Hearing Notice

Clackamas County is completing a Child Care Scholarship project funded with Community Development Block Grant funds from the Oregon Business Development Department. The location of the project is countywide. It is estimated that the project has benefited at least **75** persons of whom **100% are low or moderate income**.

A public hearing will be held by the **Clackamas County Board of Commissioners** at **10:00am** on **April 25** at the **Public Services Building, 2051 Kaen Rd, Oregon City, OR 97045 (4th Floor-Board Room)**.

The purpose of the hearing is for the **Board of Commissioners** to obtain citizens views about the project and to take comments about the local government's performance. Written comments are also welcome and must be received by **4/17/2024 at dstammthomas@clackamas.us**. Both oral and written comments will be reviewed by the **Board of Commissioners**.

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Please let **Dani Stamm Thomas at (971) 288-8264** know if you need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the hearing.

More information about the Oregon Community Development Block Grant program and the project is available for public review at **Clackamas County Children, Family, & Community Connections** during regular office hours (advance notice is requested) or by request at dstammthomas@clackamas.us.