

# Early Childhood Equity Fund Rules Advisory Committee

December 10, 2019

12:00pm-2:00pm

Oregon Community Foundation, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
1221 SW Yamhill St.  
Portland, OR

## Meeting Minutes

Annalivia  
Palazzo-Angulo,  
Salem-Keizer Coalition  
for Equity

**Tuesday, December 10, 2019**

Andrea Valderrama,  
Coalition of Communities of  
Color

### Welcome, Agenda Review, and Public Testimony

12:00 – 12:20 PM

Coi Vu, Immigrant and  
Refugee Community  
Organization

Jaylyn Rae Suppah,  
Confederated Tribes of  
Warm Springs

**12:05 PM:** Sue Miller began the meeting by opening the table for introductions. Members present: Annalivia Palazzo-Angulo, Andrea Valderrama, Coi Vu, Kali Thorne Ladd, Matt Morton, Ruby Ramirez, Sadie Fiebel, Sue Miller, Jaylyn Rae Suppah (by phone), Maritza Romero (by phone). Staff present: Dawn Baker, Katie Thiel, Nakeshia Knight-Coyle, Remy Watts. Excused: Rep. Diego Hernandez. Meeting facilitator Katie Thiel reviewed the agenda, including the updates to the agenda.

Kali Thorne Ladd,  
KairosPDX / Early  
Learning Council

**12:17 PM:** Sue Miller opened the floor for public testimony. There were no members of the public who were interested in testifying in person or by phone.

Maritza Romero, Lower  
Columbia Hispanic  
Council

### Review Changes in Rule Draft

12:20 – 12:30 PM

Matt Morton, Meyer  
Memorial Trust

Rep. Diego Hernandez,  
House District 49

Ruby Ramirez, Oregon  
Community Foundation

**12:19 PM:** Katie Thiel walked the group through the changes in the draft rules since the December 9, 2019 meeting. Changes to the rule included language changes to definitions of “positive child indicators”, “positive family indicators”, “children and families who are at-risk”, “planning grant”; as well as to the eligibility and application process sections.

Sadie Fiebel, Latino  
Network

### Application Process

12:30 – 12:45 PM

Sue Miller, Early  
Learning Council

**12:27 PM:** Sue Miller began the conversation by looking at revised rules surrounding the applicant process. Topics discussed included requiring applicants to specify how programs must advance equity, including by positively impacting child and/or family indicators. The Committee also discussed the importance of technical assistance by the Early Learning Division to organizations in the application process.

### Staff

Dawn Baker, Grants  
Analyst

Katie Thiel, Operations  
Analyst / Facilitator

Nakeshia Knight-Coyle,  
Director of Grants

**12:39 PM:** Sue Miller moved the conversation to eligibility criteria. Sadie Fiebel summarized the conversation of the Equity Fund collaborative, which was to create a mechanism to directly fund culturally specific organizations. Conversation surrounded crafting language that does not exclude culturally responsive organizations from applying to the Fund, but would allow culturally specific organizations to be stronger competitors in funding.

Remy Watts,  
Rules Coordinator

**12:43 PM:** Nakeshia Knight-Coyle went over the Early Childhood Equity Fund Survey preliminary results and analysis to inform the conversation on culturally specific organizations.

Jaylyn Rae Suppah raised a concern that affects Tribes regularly; many times where organizations apply for funding on behalf of Tribes, the organization will not let the Tribe know until after the funding has been approved. Suppah suggested a letter of support from Tribes as a requirement to solve this issue. Matt Morton suggested that the support of the Tribe would be an eligibility requirement instead of something in the scoring criteria.

Ruby Ramirez brought up organizations from rural communities that would be eligible for the Early Childhood Equity Fund but not have the capacity or 501(c)3 status required for a grant application. Discussion followed of fiscal sponsors for grant applications and how to address sponsors in eligibility criteria. Coi Vu reflected on a similar Fund within Multnomah County that funds culturally specific organizations to advance equity in specific communities.

### **Scoring Criteria: Program and Planning Grants**

12:45 – 1:30 PM

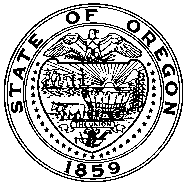
**1:05 PM:** Sue Miller reviewed proposed changes to the eligibility criteria and moved the conversation to scoring criteria. Miller asked the group if there were any additional foci for the grantees. Sadie Feibel asked if it was appropriate to list out the qualities of culturally specific organizations in this area of the rules and made those qualities part of the scoring.

Kali Thorne Ladd spoke of the challenges of the urban, impoverished Black communities and discussed including “neighborhood” in geographic qualifications. Matt Morton discussed the point of reaching organizations operating at the intersections of populations. Facilitator Katie Thiel asked if the group felt comfortable changing scoring criteria from “two or more” to “three or more” in 2(a), which Thorne Ladd responded that she would be more comfortable if “neighborhood” was included as a qualifier in geographic location.

**1:16 PM:** Miller wrapped up the conversation on program grants, confirmed desired language changes, and began the conversation on the planning grants section. The conversation centered around the intent of planning grants, whether the ask of applicants on the planning grants was too onerous for smaller organizations, and how to encourage smaller organizations to apply for planning grants. Kali Thorne Ladd suggested not having language where a group has to do focus groups or collect letters of support.

The group discussed making Section A of the Planning Grants scored on description of applicant’s experience and capacity to engage in the planning process, as well as removing “demonstrate experience” from Section B. Morton discussed concerns on organizations being evaluated for student/family indicators in the application or reapplication of planning grants, as the organizations will have gone through a process of building capacity and would not be able to deliver on those indicators.

**1:58 PM:** The group agreed to soften language on planning grant timelines and said that planning grants are intended to be one year.



**Program Selection and Grant Award**

Moved to 12/13/2019 agenda.

1:30 – 1:45 PM

**Administration / Evaluation Fiscal Impact**

Moved to 12/13/2019 agenda.

1:45 – 1:55 PM

**Wrap-Up and Next Steps**

**2:01 PM:** Sue Miller wrapped up the conversation and announced that there will be a third meeting of the Early Childhood Equity Fund Rules Advisory Committee on Friday, December 13 at 8:30 AM.

1:55 – 2:00 PM