

Early Learning Council

August 13, 2020

2:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Early Learning Division
3rd Floor, Grand Ronde Room
700 Summer St NE, Suite 350
Salem, OR 97301

COUNCIL ACTION REQUEST

AGENDA ITEM: *Early Childhood Equity Fund Intent to Award Appeal – St. Vincent de Paul of Lane County (ECEP-0043)*

ACTION: Consider appeal of Early Learning System Director's Decision for Early Childhood Equity Fund.

ISSUE: Applicant is appealing ELD's decision of Tier 3 (not awarded/not recommended for funding). Applicant is requesting consideration for full award.

BACKGROUND:

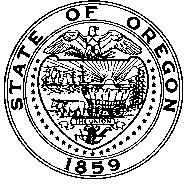
Summary of the application request: St Vincent de Paul of Lane County is a nonprofit human services organization that requested a total of \$167,877 in funding that would focus on parent-child interaction and kindergarten transition programs.

Summary of the review process & recommendation: All Equity Fund applications received an initial score and review from two independent reviewers reviewed all applications. If the scores of independent reviewers had more than a 30-point difference, a third independent review was completed. This was the case for this application. Applications that did not meet a scoring threshold were placed into Tier 3, i.e., not recommended for funding. As St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County application's average score from the Independent Reviewers (3) were 68.5 out of 115 (ranked 37 out of 49 for program grant applications), the Review Committee members did not consider them to move to the next phase of the review process to be considered for funding. Review Committee members were able to bring any applicant forward to the whole committee to be reconsidered for funding. St. Vincent de Paul was not an application that was brought forward for reconsideration by any review committee member. Thus, the committee did not recommend them for funding to the Early Learning System Director.

The Early Learning System Director, in consultation with Review Committee staff, looked at all Tier 2 and 3 applicants to understand why any eligible organization was not funded. However, St. Vincent de Paul was not considered in this process because, though the organization self-attested to meeting requirements for the Equity Fund, a review of the application found that it does not meet the requirement of being a culturally specific organization.

Director's decision: Based on Review Committee recommendation, the Early Learning System Director's placed applicant in Tier 3 (not awarded/not recommended for funding).

PROPOSED DRAFT MOTION: Deny all St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County's appeal request for the Early Childhood Equity Fund.



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Attachments:

1. Request for appeal
2. Application
3. Application review materials