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NONPROFITS INVITED TO APPLY FOR CITY OF BEAVERTON SOCIAL SERVICE FUNDING GRANTS

BEAVERTON, Ore. – Interested nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations who provide social services to Beaverton residents are encouraged to apply for grants through the city of Beaverton social service funding application process. The submission deadline is Friday, Mar. 11 at 4 p.m.

The Social Services Funding Committee is committed to fund programs that address the needs of Beaverton residents and target the root causes of poverty. The city council has advised the committee to direct funding to organizations that meet one or more of the following city priorities:

- **Homelessness/Housing:** Including shelters, rental assistance, tenant education/advocacy, senior housing, workforce training.
- **Affordable afterschool & educational programming:** Including hunger/food/nutrition, childcare, academic support, English language learner education.
- **Health:** Including school-based health clinics, affordable access to medical/dental care, mental health, hunger/food/nutrition.

Organizations are encouraged to apply by downloading an application from the city's website at www.BeavertonOregon.gov/SocialServices. Two information sessions will be held on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 6 p.m. and Friday, Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. at The Beaverton Building, 12725 SW Millikan Way.

Twenty-one organizations were funded in the 2015-2016 funding cycle. Funded organizations have already had an impact on the community by coordinating pantry services that offer fresh and nutritional food, tutoring children in their native language, and providing health services to vulnerable community members, among many other activities.

Funding for this program is provided by state revenue sharing, which is contingent upon the passage of the city's 2016-17 budget in June 2016.

For more information, contact Megan Cohen at 503-526-2584 or mcohen@BeavertonOregon.gov.

ABOUT BEAVERTON

Beaverton is a welcoming and responsible city that enjoys one of the most diverse populations in Oregon. In 2015, Beaverton was recognized as one of the **safest cities** in the Pacific Northwest (according to CQ Press with cities more than 75,000). Recently, the city's award-winning finance department received the **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** as well as the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**. In 2012, the city was awarded the **Mayors' Climate Protection Award** from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was named one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine. The city was named **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com* and **one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine. The city also received the **Recycler of the Year** award from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, named a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, received a **Silver Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists, and recognized as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**. Lastly, the city's nationally acclaimed visioning program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter and also received the prestigious **3CMA Award of Excellence**.

For more information, reminders and community news, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov. Also follow Beaverton on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CityofBeaverton, or Twitter at www.twitter.com/CityofBeaverton.

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Caption: Impact Northwest is one of the recipients of a 2015-16 social service funding grant from the city of Beaverton. Applications are now being accepted for 2016-17 grants.
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