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TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: General Fund Contingency request of \$50,000 for the Department of County Human Services to fund Black Women for Peace (Budget Modification Nond-08)

Commissioner Smith is requesting \$50,000 of General Fund contingency be appropriated to Black Women for Peace (BWFP). BWFP is a group that was convened by District 2 to engage the community in addressing youth and gang violence. Black Women for Peace has begun to identify and address the root causes of youth and gang violence in our community, and has worked closely with the Portland State University School of Social Work on research projects and on developing potential solutions. \$50,000 was earmarked in the FY 2012 Adopted General Fund contingency to enable this group to operate independently of the County. This action appropriates the funds from General Fund contingency to program offer 25123 Youth Gang Prevention in the Department of County Human Services.

General Fund Contingency Policy Compliance

The Budget Office is required to inform the Board if contingency requests submitted for approval satisfy the general guidelines and policies for using the General Fund Contingency.

Because this request was earmarked by the Board in contingency during the FY 2012 budget process, funding this request meets the criteria for acceptable use of contingency under our Financial Policies.

In particular,

- Criteria 1 states contingency requests should be for one-time-only purposes. If this is not judged to be one-time-only transition funding, the request essentially funds ongoing programs with one-time-only emergency contingency funds.

The program is one-time-only.

- Criteria 2 Addresses emergencies and unanticipated situations.

This request is not an emergency and was anticipated during the Budget process.

- Criteria 3 addresses items identified in Board Budget Notes.

This item was identified in the FY 2012 Adopted Budget Notes.