

Program Narrative

A. Management Structure

1. Role and Responsibility of Fiscal Agency

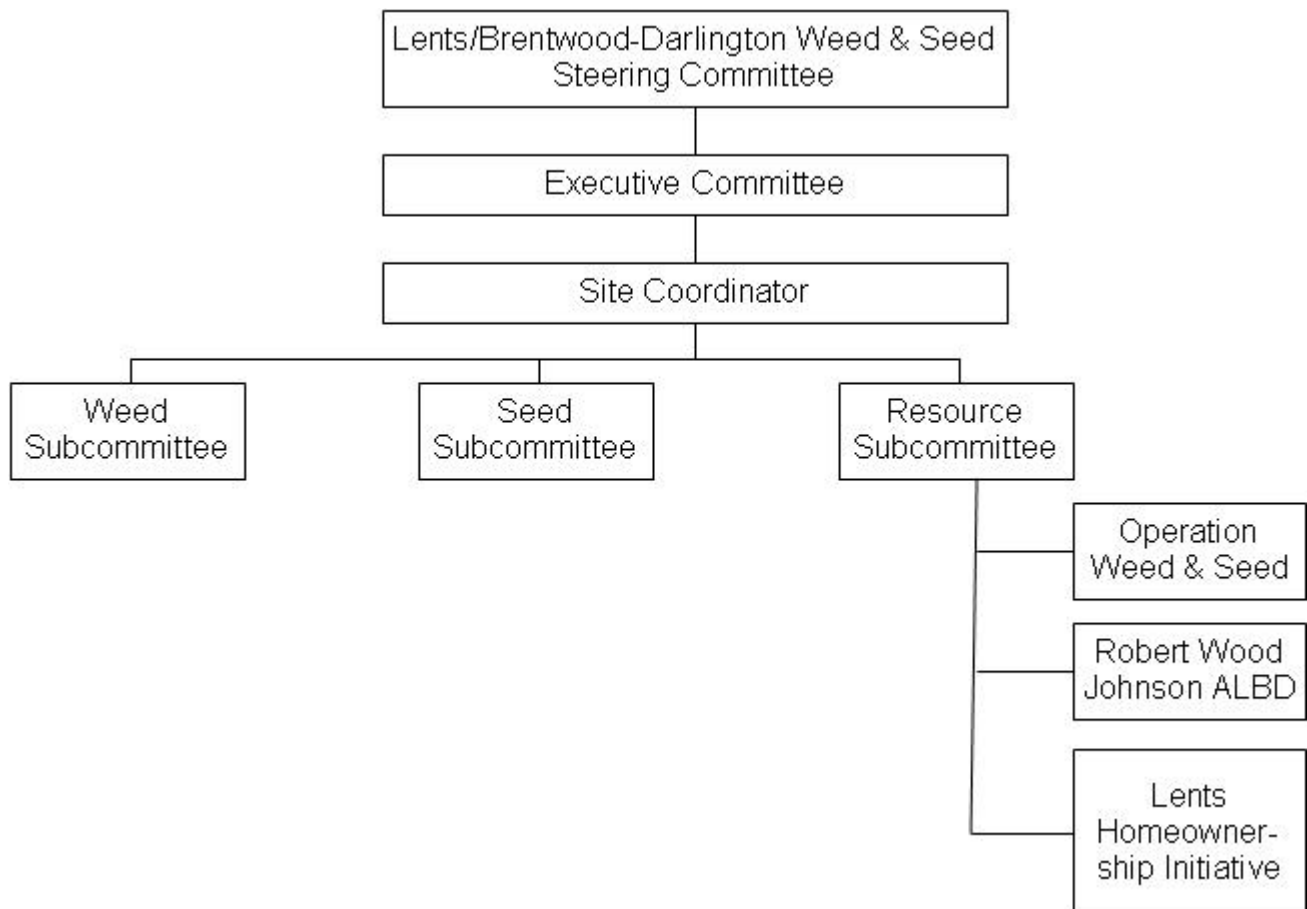
The role of the fiscal agent is to perform administrative duties to properly administer the Weed & Seed grant. These duties include payroll, reimbursement requests, financial statements, contract development with mini-grant recipients, consulting with Executive Committee members, etc. The fiscal agent maintains original documents, financial records, and copies of Steering Committee Meeting Minutes at their office and provides a 'directors and officers' insurance policy covering Steering Committee members' and officers' personal liability for Weed and Seed-related actions. The fiscal agent also maintains an insurance policy covering all Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed and Seed Program staff for personal liability incurred through work-related acts of the staff person(s).

2. Role and Responsibility of the Steering Committee

The Steering Committee is the representative body of the Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed and Seed. The Steering Committee appoints an Executive Committee consisting of the Chair, Vice Chair, and Chairs of the three standing sub-committees: Weed, Seed, and Resource. The general powers and responsibilities of the Steering Committee are to provide oversight and management of program goals and objectives; coordinate subcommittees; approve changes; evaluate the Weed and Seed strategy; develop and implement activities; recruit and hire employees; supervise the coordinator and other employees; make recommendations to the fiscal agent; and make policies and rules of procedures.

3. Organizational Chart

(see below)



4. Policy and Procedure Governing Funding Decisions

According to the document “Policies and Procedures for the Award and Management of Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed & Seed Mini-Grants”, all grant making decisions are made by a designee of the Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Steering Committee to work on behalf of the Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed & Seed Steering Committee. The current designee is the Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed & Seed Executive Committee.

The Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed & Seed may request grant proposals through a public requests for proposals (RFP) from organizations and/or a private requests for proposals from specific organizations. The Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed & Seed only awards grants to groups that meets ALL of the following criteria:

- A legally recognized 501-c-3 non-profit organization or an individual or group sponsored by a legally recognized 501-c-3 non-profit organization that will assume responsibility and liability for the applicant organization.
- Ability to demonstrate that the request for funds is a direct response to a public RFP or a private request from the Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed & Seed.

If an organization receives an award from the Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed & Seed, they are required to enter into a contractual agreement with Southeast Uplift Neighborhood Program, fiscal agent for the Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed & Seed.

Additional information is outlined in the document: “Policies and Procedures for the Award and Management of Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed & Seed Mini-Grants”, dated “Revised December 11, 2002.”

B. Nature and Extent of the Problem

1. Overview of Drug and Violent Crime Activity

Violent and non-violent crimes continue to be primary issues for residents and community members of Lents and Brentwood-Darlington. As indicated in the Portland Police Bureau statistical chart below, Brentwood-Darlington has experienced a 5% increase in overall crime compared to the average of the previous five years; and Lents has seen a 18% increase in crime over the same period of time. The crime rate for Lents has increased almost 9% from 2002 statistics and Brentwood-Darlington has experienced a 4.5% decrease in crime over the previous year. The highest incidence of crime for both neighborhoods is car prowls, vandalism, and “Other Larceny”.

The incidences of murder, rape/sodomy and molestation have stayed the same or decreased over the average of the previous five years and both communities report no change in murders since 2002.

Year	Neighborhood	Murder	Rape/Sodomy	Molest	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Residential Burglary	Non-Resid. Burglary	Arson	Theft From Auto (Car Prowl)	Bike Theft	Other Larceny	Motor Vehicle Theft	Vandalism	TOTAL	Rate per 1000 Population
1998	B-D	1	12	8	14	112	118	32	9	89	22	116	73	103	709	67.7
1998	LENTS	1	21	17	53	213	166	90	27	276	35	509	247	209	1864	122.1
1999	B-D	1	8	13	6	94	108	29	8	115	17	116	65	108	688	65.7
1999	LENTS	1	16	22	45	186	132	89	9	239	22	527	223	198	1709	100.4
2000	B-D	0	10	8	7	90	78	28	10	102	23	130	60	105	651	62.1
2000	LENTS	0	15	22	38	161	135	76	19	320	25	501	220	238	1770	104
2001	B-D	1	5	6	7	74	80	27	15	152	22	119	63	139	710	67.8
2001	LENTS	1	19	15	36	124	145	86	18	390	44	520	262	241	1901	111.6
2002	B-D	0	5	3	10	77	85	32	18	170	29	120	78	149	776	74.1
2002	LENTS	1	11	17	45	101	150	80	27	499	47	509	268	257	2012	118.2
2003	B-D	0	12	5	12	63	93	29	6	175	23	103	81	140	742	64.7
2003	LENTS	1	19	20	43	124	193	87	23	491	37	500	351	304	2193	119.5

The National Institute of Justice “ADAM” Study found that in Multnomah County juvenile arrestees testing positive for drugs increased 400% from 12% in 1992 to 53% in 2000, a record high level. During 2001, 37.2% of adult female arrestees and 26.8% of adult male arrestees in Portland tested positive for cocaine at arrest.

Clearly the need for “Weed and Seed” resources and community collaborations are still needed in this outer southeast portion of Portland, Oregon.

2. Resource Needs and Gaps in Service

The City of Portland and Multnomah County have both suffered budget cuts, reductions in services, and personnel layoffs over the past few years that have resulted in gaps in services.

- In October 2001, the Probation and Parole budget was cut by \$1.8M; in July 2002 another cut of \$2.5M; and again in December 2002 another \$2.5M cut. As a result of budget cuts, Parole and Probation officers have had significant increases in their caseloads and many offenders who would have been under supervision by Probation and Parole go unsupervised or are supervised by the court.
- Multnomah County Community Court programs have been dramatically modified over the past year. Due to staff reductions and reduced funding, the Community Court program has been reduced and it now takes longer to get cases to court and have judges leveled. Misdemeanor crimes (non person crimes) are a very low priority within the court system. Small Claims Courts has been significantly reduced. Violent Crimes are prosecuted first, repeated criminal offenders are placed second and quality of life issues are last on the list. As a result of reductions, prosecution for non-violent offences have, in many cases, not happened. Instead, they are cited and released.
- Multnomah County has seen a reduction in services provided by the Oregon State Parole. Jail beds have been reduced and consolidation of several programs has taken place within the jail system. As a result of these reductions, only the most violent and harden offender are held in jails. Hundreds of beds in existing facilities go unfilled because there is no money to support them.
- The City of Portland Bureau of Development Services has downsized and reduced staff available for working on housing and nuisance abatement issues.

The organizations and individuals that enforce the law and implement community policing are working with minimal resources. Reductions in services and personnel have resulted in a loss of collaborative efforts to address housing code violations, the transfer of information between Bureau of Development Services and the Neighborhood Deputy District Attorney’s Office, the quantity of personnel available to enforce the law and respond to community concerns about potential problem area, the existence of the Southeast Community Court in the community, stresses in services for ex-offenders and defendants appearing in Community Court, elimination

of the Senior Lawn Care Program, reduced neighborhood clean-ups performed by defendants pleading guilty to low-level misdemeanor crimes, and others.

The state of Oregon is facing the economic and social outcomes indicative of a poor economy. There is high unemployment, a decrease in average earnings and an increase in poverty. History suggests that a weak economy will lead to more crime and other social problems. As a result of Oregon's inability to adequately fund police services, the judicial, corrections and educational systems, and services for the poor and elderly there has been an increase in crime – especially drug-related offenses.

The financial struggles in Oregon, compounded by the state's inability to enforce criminal prosecution, are adversely affecting families. There are limited resources to promote healthy and drug-free lifestyles, substance abuse education and positive, stable environments for children. There is more parental stress and less parental supervision of youth.

A team of citizens from Multnomah County developed a "Coordinated Plan for Children, Families and Community" which included an analysis of drug and alcohol problems. Four gaps in local drug prevention services were identified:

- Inadequate programming for certain linguistic and minority populations.
- Shortage of trained staff in schools to deal with alcohol and drug issues.
- Few positive adult role models for youth who are at-risk of using drugs and alcohol.
- Lack of age-appropriate, affordable after school activities that deter youth from risk-taking behaviors.

A review of statistical data compiled by various local agencies reveals that the neighborhoods of Lents and Brentwood-Darlington are an area that exhibits multiple "risk and protective" factors that contribute to a high community proclivity towards substance abuse problems.

<u>Risk Factors</u>	<u>Protective Factors</u>
Attitudes Favoring Drug Use	Peer Support
Poor Family Management	Family Attachment
Low Neighborhood Attachment	Community Rewards

The Lents and Brentwood-Darlington communities high levels of poverty, crime, low education and literacy, unemployment and economic distress put its' youth at high risk of substance and drug abuse. The faltering economic conditions in the state of Oregon, especially the lack of adequate funding for public education, juvenile justice, and the Department of Corrections suggest that these risk factors will continue to prevail in this community.

School leaders, staff and Lents and Brentwood-Darlington community partners rely heavily on one another to work together to address the needs of youth and their families. With reduced resources available throughout the community, the need to collaborate never has been greater. Currently, there are several longstanding partnerships that serve youth; but dismal statistics reveal that the needs of youth and their families continue to increase dramatically each year.

Statistics prove that juvenile crime triples during the unsupervised hours between 3-6 pm; many children do not have access to affordable, quality care during the before and after school hours; and the gap between parent work schedule and youth school schedule is 20-25 hours per week. This leaves 35% of 12 year olds alone between the hours of 3-6 PM while parents are at work.

Clearly, the need for continued law enforcement, community policing, prevention / intervention / treatment and neighborhood restoration in Lents and Brentwood-Darlington is a necessity for building and maintaining a healthy and supportive community. The resource needs and gaps in services identified for FY2004/05 are consistent with our overall five-year plan.

Law Enforcement

- Police lead missions focused on drugs, theft and prostitution issues
- Equipment purchases to facilitate police surveillance activities
- Access to training and educational opportunities

Community Oriented Policing

- Increased community presence by police officers
- Equipment purchases to facilitate community police activities
- Access to training and educational opportunities
- Strengthened relationships between youth and police

Prevention/Intervention/Treatment

- Safe and accessible youth and family enhancement programs
- Gang and drug prevention and outreach efforts
- Transportation enhancements
- Late night opportunities for teens

Neighborhood Restoration

- An array of affordable housing opportunities
- Transportation coalition building efforts
- Enhanced public park facilities
- Strengthened public outreach and community building events

C. Scope of Work for the Next 12 Months

1. Official Recognition Strategy Implementation Stage

The Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed & Seed received Official Recognition in February 2000 from the Executive Office for Weed and Seed. This coalition has been implementing their weed and seed strategy since October 1, 2000 and will be entering their fifth year of funding in FY2004/05. The site is working towards sustainability and prepared to meet site development benchmarks to the best of our ability.

2. Law Enforcement

Summary: The main thrust of the law enforcement strategy is to break the cycle of crime that comes with low-level drug dealing and community livability crimes. We will first utilize law enforcement officers to run drug house missions and target enforcement in the area to weed out those residents who are breaking the law and thus contributing to the degradation of the neighborhood.

Goal 1	Reduce fear of crime and increase quality of cases and case screening by utilizing Neighborhood-based prosecutors.
Status	Multnomah County has experienced a reduction in Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) funds to support the Neighborhood Deputy District Attorney position serving Lents and Brentwood-Darlington. According to current estimates, Multnomah County would need an additional \$32,000 to fully fund the position.
Objective 1	Continue to improve prosecutor-police coordination in case development and case screening by early and frequent involvement by the Neighborhood-based Deputy District Attorney in the investigative processes.
Status	Currently the Neighborhood District Attorney assigned to the Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed & Seed target area focuses on issuing cases generated from the target area, collaborates with police from both Southeast and East Precincts, and works with PPB officers to mitigate the impact of quality of life offenses in the target area with particular emphasis on prostitution and drug crimes, both of which are high impact crimes in the community. Our goal is to continue the relationship our community has enjoyed with the Neighborhood Deputy District Attorney program.
Objective 2	Coordinate crime reduction strategies with other Weed and Seed partners.
Status	The Neighborhood District Attorney has shared information with Weed & Seed partners by attending Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed & Seed Steering Committee Meetings, Lents Neighborhood Association Meetings, Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Association Meetings, and other community meetings. The Neighborhood District Attorney will continue to provide information and education through these same channels in FY2004/05.
Objective 3	Review citizen driven search warrants on locations that are chronic neighborhood drug houses.
Status	The Neighborhood DA has provided advise to police during the investigation of chronic neighborhood drug houses and reviewed any citizen driven search warrants that are presented. The Neighborhood District Attorney will continue to provide the same law enforcement and community policing services in FY2004/05.
Activity / Task / Project	The Neighborhood District Attorney program is designed to assist law enforcement, residents, and community members in solving local crime problems. Similar to traditional "community prosecution" programs, which

	emphasize a closer working relationship among prosecutors, police and the community, the Neighborhood DA Unit uses the tools of the criminal justice system to demonstrate how the rule of law can help neighborhoods become safer. A Letter of Agreement will be developed with Multnomah County to support the full-time employment of the Neighborhood District Attorney position serving Lents and Brentwood-Darlington.
Implementation	The project is scheduled for October 1, 2004 - September 30, 2005. The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office will oversee the implementation of this project in collaboration with the Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed & Seed.
Outcome Measure	The Neighborhood Based District Attorney will issues a minimum of 165 drug and prostitution cases, provide regular updates to law enforcement personnel on search and seizure issues, and act upon at least 2 citizen driven search warrants within the target area. The Neighborhood DA will provide a brief report at monthly Weed & Seed Steering Committee meetings on projects developed and the outcomes as well as a bi-annual written report.
Funding Support	The Neighborhood District Attorney program receives funding from Multnomah County, the City of Portland, federal grants, local business groups and Tri-Met. The Neighborhood Deputy District Attorney that serves Lents and Brentwood-Darlington will receive a portion of the funding from Local Law Enforcement Block Grant and a portion from the Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed & Seed.

Goal 2	Increase community livability by decreasing quality of life crimes and housing code violations.
Status	The Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed & Seed continues to work with Code Compliance Officers and their supervisors to keep all partners informed of any changes and to maintain smooth working relationships as much as possible.
Objective 1	Senior Neighborhood Officers, Portland Police Officers, and Probation and Patrol Officers will continue their enforcement efforts in the target area. Weed and Seed funding will be utilized to fund drug house, prostitution, and theft missions in the target neighborhood and special target missions involving Probation and Parole.
Status	Weed and seed funded missions have been successful in the removal of suspicious and illegal drug house activity, elimination of housing code violations, increased community safety, reduction in prostitution violations, and arrests due to theft missions conducted in Lents and Brentwood-Darlington.
Objective 2	Continue to utilize citizen-driven search warrants to eliminate drug houses from neighborhoods.
Status	Community residents provide valuable information for identifying suspected illegal drug and gang activity. Residents of Lents and Brentwood-Darlington

	will continue to report suspicious activity to law enforcement and crime prevention specialists by direct phone calls, reporting to the Neighborhood Associations, contacting Block Watch Captains, calling ONI Crime Prevention contacts, etc.
Activity / Task/ Project	The Portland Police Bureau, ONI Crime Prevention, Multnomah County Neighborhood-based Deputy District Attorney, and Multnomah County Community Justice/Adult and Juvenile Parole and Probation will continue to collaborate and share information leading to the identification, investigation, arrest, and closure of problem drug houses and other crimes that negatively affect community livability.
Implementation	The project is scheduled for October 1, 2004 - September 30, 2005. The Portland Police Bureau will oversee the implementation of this project in collaboration with the Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed & Seed and other program partners.
Outcome Measure	Maintain or increase in the number of drug abuse, gang activity, probation and parole contacts, and/or housing code violation "cases" as reported by the Portland Police Bureau, Probation and Parole, and/or the Bureau of Development Services.
Funding Support	The Portland Police Bureau program receives funding from Local Law Enforcement Block Grant for overtime services. Funding provided by the Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed and Seed will supplement the Block Grant money for overtime services performed in our area.

3. Community Oriented Policing

Strategy: Our Weed and Seed community policing strategy centers on developing, promoting and supporting active, functional partnerships between citizens and all of the agencies that contribute to public safety. This strategy is consistent with the approach to community policing adopted by the Portland Police Bureau.

Goal 1	Build and maintain trust and communication to support citizen crime reporting and joint problem solving between the citizens and the police.
Status	Community policing in Portland recognizes a shared responsibility and connection between the police and community in making Portland a safer, more livable city. Community policing encourages a problem solving partnership between citizens and police. This partnership jointly identifies community safety issues, determines resources, and applies innovative strategies designed to create and sustain healthy, vital neighborhoods.
Objective 1	Educate residents on crime reporting; including documentation through use of incident logs, prostitution Free Zone, Escort and Modeling Ordinance, Chronic Nuisance Ordinance.
Status	The Office of Neighborhood Involvement, East and Southeast Precinct Senior Neighborhood Officers, Portland Police Bureau, Multnomah County Neighborhood-based District Attorney, and the City of Portland City Attorney

	will continue to encourage communication leading to appropriate responses with community citizens and local agencies.
Objective 2	Build opportunities to enhance partnership and communication with law enforcement officials and low-income community residents including youth.
Status	Low-income families living in federally subsidized housing rarely have the financial resources available to properly prepare their children for school with clothing, shoes, and school supplies. Children that arrive at school without proper clothing and supplies are ill equipped to take on the physical and emotional challenges of school and the learning environment.
Activity / Task / Project	The Portland Police Bureau, Wattles Boys and Girls Club and Fred Meyer Stores have partnered with ROSE CDC to implement "Shop-With-A-Cop", a project that creates positive interaction between police and school age children who live in ROSE CDC's affordable housing complexes.
Implementation	At the 2004/2005 "Shop-With-A-Cop" event, police officers and other law enforcement personnel will take 50 children shopping for back-to-school supplies at the local Fred Meyer store.
Outcome Measure	At least 50 children will receive a minimum of \$150 worth of clothing and other back to school supplies.
Funding Support	Operating income and grants, in addition to Weed & Seed, funds ROSE CDC's Resident Resources activities.

4. Prevention/Intervention/Treatment

Summary: Our prevention/intervention/ treatment strategy is designed to build on the assets of the community and those impacted by crime. This strategy will strengthen and expand support for families and individuals affected by criminal activity.

Goal 1	Strengthen and expand support for families and individuals including drug education and prevention, gang education and outreach, restoration or protection of the family, etc.
Status	Our network of service providers, non-profit organizations, state and local governmental agencies, and other support structures have demonstrated the capacity and interest in developing protective factors in our target communities.
Objective 1	Support a network of safe haven sites by utilizing three public schools, the Lents Boys and Girls Club and the Brentwood-Darlington Community Center.
Status	Three public schools and one Boys and Girl's Club in the target area are designated Safe Haven sites. As Safe Haven sites they provide access to before and after-school enrichment activities, outreach to students' families, drug and alcohol related services, and other services that support the community's student population.
Activity / Task / Project	All Safe Haven sites will coordinate some or all of the following: before and after-school activities, weekend and school vacation activities, enhance existing family support services in ways that breach barriers and welcome

	recipients. The Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed and Seed project will provide support to the Wattles Boys & Girls Club Safe Haven Site and Metropolitan Family Service Safe Haven site to implement specific programs and services that enhance family stability, deliver drug free/drug prevention messages to families and youth, and provide safe, accessible activities for youth and their families.
Implementation	The project is scheduled for October 1, 2004 - September 30, 2005. The Wattles Boys & Girls Club will implement the Family Night Program and support the Youth of the Year event. Metropolitan Family Service will facilitate two cycles of the Families that Care, Guiding Good Choices curriculum and implement the eighth annual GEARS Winter Toy Event to serve low-income families from our designated Safe haven sites and in our community.
Outcome Measure	Outcomes should reflect an increase in resident participation in Wattles Boys & Girls Club programs. Metropolitan Family Service will make available the Families that Care, Guiding Good Choices curriculum to all Safe Haven site partners, provide free holiday Christmas toys to 500 participants at the GEARS Winter Toy Event, give 500 cans of food (donated by event participants) to the Oregon Food Bank, and leverage funds by collaborating with volunteers and organizations in Portland to support the event.
Funding Support	Funding to support Safe Haven site activities is provided by the national organization of Boys & Girls Clubs, various foundations, Multnomah County, SUN School Initiative, and registration fees.

5. Neighborhood Restoration

Summary: Create an urban renewal district with a strong citizen input process in order to revitalize residential and commercial areas, support the spectrum of affordable housing options, increase the number of homeowners, assist with the development of employment options, support environmentally sensitive development, improve transportation access and multi-modal options, support public spaces and parks, and foster a community identity.

Goal 1	Increase homeownership in the Lents Urban Renewal District
Status	Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed & Seed has conducted multiple surveys of households in the target area. The top priority noted in the survey for the past three years is “Landlords or residents who don’t take proper care of their property”.
Objective 1	Support a transportation coalition building effort to: 1) Build constituency around transportation related issues; 2) Develop and strengthen the involvement of residents and community members in transportation related projects and programs; 3) Determine how transportation needs impact the livability of a community.
Status	The Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed & Seed hired a VISTA Volunteer to

	implement the transportation coalition building effort. The initial VISTA volunteer contract began in February 2003 and will extend until January 2004 with the anticipation that the program will be extended until January 2005.
Activity / Task / Project	Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed & Seed has initiated the Lents Homeownership Initiative, a collaborative project designed to increase the homeownership rate in the Lents Urban Renewal District. One of the proposed projects is a partnership with the Portland Police Bureau and Office of Neighborhood Involvement Nuisance Abatement to identify chronic problem properties for acquisition, rehab and sale to first-time homebuyers.
Implementation	The project is scheduled for October 1, 2003 - September 30, 2004. A workplan is being developed for implementation in 2004/2005.
Outcome Measure	Specific outcomes for number of homes to be acquired, rehabilitated and sold will be developed as part of the workplan.
Funding Support	Urban Renewal Funds, Community Development Block Grant and additional private and public funding will be sought to implement the Lents Homeownership Initiative.

D. Special Emphasis Narrative

1. Summary of Issue

The primary challenge facing the Community Court Project is the dire budget situation at the state and local levels. As a result of personnel and program cuts, several Community Court partners are having difficulty maintaining their resource commitments to the project. This has begun to result in the partial dismantling of the program and has led to the consolidation of the three Portland Community Courts to one downtown location.

The Community Court program is an important part of our overall Weed and Seed strategy. The Community Court program provides an opportunity for individuals accused for low-level misdemeanor crimes to present their case in a local environment, engage in a discussion with a judge about what and why the offense happened and how the issue affects others in the community (family members, children, community members, etc.). If the offender pleads guilty, he or she is sentenced to serve community court service work in the neighborhood that was impacted.

After successful completion of the designated sentence, most offenses are eligible for a dismissal if it is the defendant's first time in Community Court. This allows the offender a new start and the community restitution for the crime. This program is a win-win situation for many first time offenders, community members, and the judicial system. As it is, prosecution for non-violent offenses (shoplifting, prostitution, drug-dealing, etc.) have, in many cases, not happened due to lack of funding and diminished personnel. Instead, offenders are cited and released.

2. Continued Special Emphasis Area Summary

The Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed & Seed proposes to continue support for the Southeast Community Court "Justice Innovations" project by supplying funds to support:

- A part-time Community Court Mental Health Consultant. The primary duties of the Mental Health Consultant are to perform preliminary intake interviews with Southeast Community Court defendants; make referrals to a variety of social service agencies and resources; oversee the court-mandated Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Monitoring programs; maintain social service statistics; present regular reports to the Community Court Project Coordinator; and provide case management and ongoing support to clients through advocacy and agency collaboration.
- A part-time Community Court Legal Assistant. The primary duties of the Legal Assistant are to assist in screening, issuing, and funneling case information to the Community Court; prepare files and assemble discovery for the court and counsel; ensure that the Community Court has the appropriate information for reviewing, hearing, and making determinations on all defendants eligible for Community Court; serve as a gatekeeper to the Community Court and a check to police discretion in citing; update District Attorney database to reflect proceedings at Community Court; and record statistics after every court session.

This is the fourth consecutive year the Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed and Seed has provided funding to support the part-time Community Court Mental Health Consultant (previously called Social Service Case Manager) and the third year this site has supported the part-time Community Court Legal Assistant. The Community Court Project is a highly collaborative project that relies on many partners including, but not limited to: Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed & Seed, Albina and Rockwood Weed & Seed sites, State of Oregon Circuit Court, Portland Business Alliance, Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, Department of County Human Services, Department of Community Justice, Sheriff's Office, Metropolitan Public Defender's Office, Multnomah Defender's Inc., Squires & Lopez law firm, Portland State University, Portland Community College, University of Portland, Portland area One-Stops, FISH Emergency Service and other community organizations, volunteers and interns. Our funding represents approximately .4 FTE for each position indicated above.

Several grants have served as seed money for the Community Court Projects. Initially, the North/Northeast Court received a \$50,000 grant from the Executive Office of Weed & Seed to partially fund the cost of a judge, judicial support staff and defense representation. In January 1998 the project received a \$200,000 Weed & Seed grant to pay the remaining operating and personnel expenses. The Southeast and Westside Community Courts initially received grant funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance. Those grants have now expired and local and state resources support the Court, now in its fifth year of operation.

Currently, local Weed & Seed sites are providing financial support for the SE, N/NE, and Rockwood Community Courts. The computer technology for the N/NE and SE Courts was financed through the Multnomah County Public Safety Bond Technology Program. In addition, the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the Center for Court Innovation have provided extensive

and valuable technical assistance in the design, development and implementation of Portland's Community Court Project.

3. FY2004/05 Special Emphasis Work Plan

Summary: Link the Circuit Court with law enforcement agencies, neighborhood associations, and social service providers to collaborate on the Community Court Project to combat quality of life crime in the designated area, provide restitution to the community, and allow sentence options to individuals accused of low-level misdemeanor crimes.

Goal 1	Reduce quality of life crime within the community by supporting the Community Court Project.
Status	Low-level misdemeanor crimes continue to be issues for residents and community members of Lents and Brentwood-Darlington. Brentwood-Darlington has experienced a 12.6% increase in all crime activity compared to the average of the previous four years; and Lents has seen a 7.9% increase in crime over the same period of time. The highest percentage of crime for both neighborhoods is car prowls.
Objective 1	Prosecute low-level crimes in Community Court.
Status	Low-level misdemeanor crimes continue to be issues for residents and community members of Lents and Brentwood-Darlington. Brentwood-Darlington has experienced a 5% increase in overall crime compared to the average of the previous five years; and Lents has seen a 18% increase in crime over the same period of time. The crime rate for Lents has increased almost 9% from 2002 statistics and Brentwood-Darlington has experienced a 4.5% decrease in crime over the previous year. The highest incidence of crime for both neighborhoods is car prowls, vandalism, and "Other Larceny".
Activity / Task / Project	Last year's contract with Multnomah County District Attorney's Office will be renewed to support a part-time Community Court Legal Assistant. The Legal Assistant will assist in screening, issuing, and funneling case information to the Community Court; prepare files and assemble discovery for the court and counsel; ensure that the Community Court has the appropriate information for reviewing, hearing, and making determinations on all defendants eligible for Community Court; serve as a gatekeeper to the Community Court and a check to police discretion in citing; update District Attorney database to reflect proceedings at Community Court; and record statistics after every court session.
Implementation	The project is scheduled for October 1, 2004 - September 30, 2005. The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office will oversee the implementation of this project in collaboration with the Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed & Seed.
Outcome Measure	Semi-annual statistics will be provided indicating the number of cases cited to appear in Community Court and cases closed for Community Court.
Funding Support	The Community Court Legal Assistant position totals \$53,076. Costs will be

	allocated as such: Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed & Seed approx. 40%, Albina Weed and Seed approx. 40%, and Rockwood Weed & Seed approx. 20%.
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Goal 2	Eliminate low-level misdemeanor crimes by encouraging protective factors to defendants charged in Community Court.
Status	Many individuals charged with low-level misdemeanor crimes in Community Court do not or will not access social services and community recourses to connect them with food, clothing, shelter, healthcare, mental health, drug rehabilitation services, and others. The need for a Community Court Mental Health Consultant is part of the solution for reducing and eliminating livability crimes in our target area by introducing protective factors to meet the specific needs of defendants.
Objective 1	Facilitate linkages for Southeast Community Court program defendants to social services in the defendants' community.
Status	The Community Court Mental Health Consultant interviewed an average of 45 people per month during the last six months of 2003 and made an average of 52 referrals to a variety of social service agencies and resources including: employment, Oregon Health Plan, food assistance, rent, utilities and other financial assistance, food stamps, emergency clothing, health and dental care, housing/homelessness, bus tickets and obtaining identification. Some folks are aware of how to access these services, but many are not or will not. The participation of defendants in the Community Court project continues to expand requiring the continued services of a Legal Assistant.
Activity / Task / Project	Last year's contract with Multnomah County Department of County Human Services will be renewed to support a part-time Community Court Mental Health Consultant. The Mental Health Consultant will perform preliminary intake interviews with Southeast Community Court defendants; make referrals to a variety of social service agencies and resources; oversee the court-mandated Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Monitoring programs; maintain social service statistics; present regular reports to the Community Court Project Coordinator; and provide case management and ongoing support to clients through advocacy and agency collaboration.
Implementation	The project is scheduled for October 1, 2004 - September 30, 2005. The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office will oversee the implementation of this project in collaboration with the Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed & Seed and Multnomah County Department of County Human Services.
Outcome Measure	Maintain semi-annual statistics for number of defendants interviewed, number of referrals made, and maintain statistics relevant to the position.
Funding Support	The Community Court Social Services Case Manager position totals \$56,250. Costs will be allocated as such: Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed & Seed 40%, Albina Weed and Seed 40%, and Rockwood Weed & Seed 20%.

E. The Federal Role

In many respects Portland, OR, has been practicing the Weed and Seed approach for years by partnering with local, county, state, and federal law enforcement efforts to tackle specific problems and address neighborhood crime. The US Attorney's Office will continue to support activities to reduce and eliminate crime, facilitate collaboration between Oregon Weed and Seed sites, and conduct quarterly meetings with our site and other federal law enforcement officers to discuss strategies, share information, and strengthen our partnerships.

F. Coordination

1. Current Collaborations

The Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed & Seed has a strong commitment from each of our Steering Committee members to reduce crime and build safe and healthy communities. The composition of our Steering Committee includes representation from residents, government, law enforcement, community crime prevention, non-profits, and community service organizations.

2. Steering Committee Members

Note: Official Steering Committee Members are noted with a * in front of their name; Steering Committee Participants do not have a * in front of their name

Member Name and/or Agency Represented	Contribution
Katherine Anderson, ONI Crime Prevention - East Portland Neighborhood Office	Crime prevention connection Liaison between residents and Police Bureau Publishes community safety tips Assist with funding applications Marshall HS /Eastport Plaza Task Force coordinator Mayor's Gang Task Force liaison
Lieutenant M. Bigeagle, East Precinct PPB	Coordinates Weed & Seed Missions Portland Police Bureau connection
Furlton Burns, The 7 th Step Foundation of Oregon	Ex-offender program connection
Mary Davis, B-Darlington Community Center	Resident involvement Task Force participant
Amy Corbett, Metropolitan Family Service	Ex-offender youth and family services Youth and family advocate Drug Free youth curriculum promoter Drug prevention connection
Jim Francesconi, City Commissioner	Local government connection
Denise Gour, Volunteers of America	Ex-offender youth and family services Executive Committee Vice Chair Youth and family advocate

	Drug Free youth curriculum promoter Drug prevention connection
Officer Larry Graham, East Precinct PPB	East Precinct Senior Neighborhood Officer Conducts Weed & Seed Missions Portland Police Bureau connection
Robyn Gregory, Multnomah County Community Court	Community justice connection Grantwriting contributions
Sergeant Reed Hunt, Southeast Precinct PPB	Coordinates Weed & Seed Missions Executive Committee Weed Chair Portland Police Bureau connection
Judy Kennedy, New Hope Community Church	Faith-based connection Outreach to youth and families Lent Elem. School volunteer coordinator
Lieutenant Randy Killinger, Southeast Precinct PPB	Coordinates Weed & Seed Missions Portland Police Bureau connection
Rosanne Lee, Office of Neigh. Involvement	Crime prevention connection Executive Committee Member Neighborhood Association liaison Marshall HS /Eastport Plaza Task Force coordinator Mayor's Gang Task Force liaison Good Neighbor liquor license coordinator Community volunteer
Libby Lescalleet, Wattles Boys & Girls Club	Youth club connection Executive Committee Seed Chair Community Safe Haven provider Youth and family advocate Neighborhood volunteer
Lorrie Piatt-Montry, APACAS	Agency connection with minority populations Task Force participant
Diane Peterson, U.S. Attorney's Office	Federal government connection Funding resource
Brian Renauer, Portland State University	Research and evaluation consultant Task Force Participant
Nick Sauvie, ROSE CDC	CDC connection Affordable housing developer Task Force participant Childcare network coordinator Community builder and advocate
Susan Stoltenberg, Portland Impact	Anti-poverty program Director Youth and family advocate
Officer Todd Teats, Southeast Precinct PPB	Southeast Precinct Senior Neighborhood Officer

	Conducts Weed & Seed Missions Portland Police Bureau connection
Joyce Walls, Southeast Uplift Neighborhood Program	Non-profit connection Fiscal Agent Financial consultant
John Welch	Resident connection Liaison with Neighborhood Association
Judy Welch	Resident connection Liaison with Neighborhood Association
Caroline Wong, Southeast Precinct Deputy District Attorney	District Attorney connection Liaison between residents / law enforce. Innovative program developer
Stephen Young, Multnomah County Mental Health Consultant	

Residents, representatives from health, education, police, parents, youth, and other Steering Committee participants are involved in the strategic planning process by attending Monthly Steering Committee Meetings, serving as Executive committee members, participating in yearly strategic planning retreats, providing input and feedback on funding applications, and communicating on a regular basis with Steering Committee participants via email. The Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed & Seed will continue our outreach work to engage new partners and maintain strong participation on the Steering Committee to ensure sustainability in the future.

G. Evaluation

The Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed & Seed contracted with Portland State University to conduct evaluation services for our site in FY2001/02, FY2002/03, and FY2003/04. It is our intent to continue working with Portland State University for evaluation services in FY2004/05. In the funding cycle 2004-2005, the research dollars will be utilized to support Dr. Brian Renauer of Portland State University to provide an overview of crime and arrest trends in the Weed and Seed target area.

H. Sustaining Your Weed and Seed Strategy

The Lents/Brentwood-Darlington Weed & Seed engages multiple sectors of the community, each working toward successfully meeting project goals and objectives. Our coalition members are residents of the community and well-established organizations that have a history of providing services in our target area. It is the intent of our organization to continue to work as a coalition, engage new partners, seek out new funding sources, and leverage additional resources to ensure our continue success and sustainability.

On May 24, 2004, our site will participate in a strategic planning Retreat to discuss a strategic plan for establishing a new Weed & Seed site in Montavilla and Hazelwood. In addition to exploring sustainability issues through the implementation of a new site, our organization has

submitted proposals to access new and supplemental funding from other resources. Our two areas of focus has been 1) Active Living By Design collaborative proposal including the design and development of a Lents Station Interpretive Center. This collaborative proposal was awarded funds on November 2004; and 2) Lents Homeownership Initiative.

Our goal is to continue to identify potential funders and develop successful project proposals that will engage more partners in our Weed and Seed efforts.