

GRANT REQUEST PONY

Department of Justice
Pregnancy Assistance Fund Program
(Reported out of Subcommittee on March 28, 2013)

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Committee on Ways and Means approve the submission of a federal grant application by the Department of Justice (DOJ) to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the amount up to \$1.5 million per year for four years to support the Oregon Intimate Partner Violence and Pregnancy Grant Program.

If awarded, DOJ intends to use the grant to support seven project sites focusing on child advocacy and public health, and to increase training and evaluation efforts. The grant does not require a State match.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval of the request.

Federal Grant Application Request

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Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Adolescent Health in an amount up to \$1.5 million per year for four years to support the Oregon Intimate Partner Violence and Pregnancy Grant Program.

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Analysis: The Department of Justice requests permission to apply for a new round of funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Pregnancy Assistance Fund Program. The U.S. DHHS anticipates making 32 awards for up to \$1.5 million per year for four years. In 2010, the Department of Justice (DOJ) Crime Victims' Services Division received \$800,000 per year for three years from the previous award period for this grant. With those resources, DOJ established 14 project sites to offer advocacy, crisis counseling, and support services to pregnant and parenting women who survived intimate partner violence. These sites are co-located within field offices of Department of Human Service or public health agencies.

As part of the grant requirements, program evaluation is required under both rounds of funding. In June 2012, Portland State University issued its third evaluation report. The report highlights that the project served on average 234 survivors per month in the second year of funding, up from 143 survivors per month in the first year. If the new grant is awarded, DOJ intends to fund seven project sites and increase training and evaluation efforts.

DOJ anticipates needing two limited duration positions (1.15 FTE) to implement the grant program. The grant does not require a State match, and the application is due April 10, 2013.

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval of the request.