

Federal Grant Application Request

Oregon Health Authority

Promoting Adolescent Health Grant

Analyst: Linda Ames

Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of up to \$25,000 per year for five years, to promote adolescent health through school-based HIV/STD prevention.

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Analysis: The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is requesting approval from the Joint Committee on Ways and Means to apply for the Promoting Adolescent Health Through School Based HIV/STD Prevention and School Surveillance grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Grant funding for the Public Health piece of the grant is up to \$25,000 per year for five years. No state matching funds are required for the grant, nor is there a requirement for maintenance of effort.

This program is designed to help schools and school districts adopt policy and implement program activities to reduce HIV/STD infection and unintended pregnancy. The program has been in place at least since 2000, although in the past the Oregon Department of Education received the funding and partnered with Public Health to administer the School Health Profile Survey. CDC is now requiring that Public Health submit a separate application for the survey work. Because this is a new application for Public Health, they are requesting permission to apply, even though this is a long-standing program and cooperative effort with the Department of Education. By conducting this survey, Oregon also becomes eligible for other CDC funding that supports school health.

The survey crosses multiple areas of health policy in schools, including policies on tobacco use, nutrition, and comprehensive sexuality education policy. Data from the survey assesses progress implementing health and education policy in schools, identifies teacher training needs, and provides information necessary to design and improve programs aimed at school-aged youth. The data is used in a number of Public Health programs, not just this program aimed at HIV/STD prevention that authorizes the funding for the survey within CDC.

The funding will be used to continue one existing permanent position in Public Health to coordinate with CDC, verify the randomized sample, administer the survey and conduct follow-up. The grant application is due on April 26, 2013. If approved, funding would begin August 1, 2013 and end August 1, 2018.

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval of the request.

April 3, 2013

The Honorable Richard Devlin, Co-Chair
The Honorable Peter Buckley, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
900 Court Street NE
H-178 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301-4048

Re: Request to Apply Letter – Competitive Grant – Promoting Adolescent Health Through School Based HIV/STD Prevention and School Surveillance PS13-1308 (OHA-PH-13-03)

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Public Health Division requests permission to apply for Strategy 1 of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Promoting Adolescent Health Through School Based HIV/STD Prevention grant for federal funds up to \$25,000 a year for 5 years, beginning 8/1/2013 and ending 8/1/2018, for a total of up to \$125,000.

The intent of the grant is to continue existing policy and program activities that support schools and school districts to reduce HIV and STD infection among adolescents reduce disparities and reduce unintended pregnancy. It allows the Public Health division to assess, monitor and evaluate implementation of health policies in schools and provides data used for program planning by both the Public Health Division and the Department of Education. The funding is available through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The request for proposals was received on 2/26, and the application is due on 4/26. This grant funding requires no state matching funds. There is not a federal requirement for maintenance of effort.

Agency Action

The CDC Program is designed to help schools and school districts adopt policy and implement program activities to reduce HIV/STD infection and unintended pregnancy. The Public Health Division role has been to administer and collect the School Health Profile Survey in partnership with the Oregon Department of Education. This partnership has been in place since 2000, however under this FOA the Public Health Division is required to apply separately for Strategy 1 in order to conduct the survey. This agency effort also supports the 2008 multi-agency Memorandum of Agreement on Youth Sexual Health. Data obtained from this survey assesses progress implementing evidence-based health & education policy in the school setting, identifies teacher training and technical assistance needs and helps focus joint efforts by Public Health and Education to design and improve programs that meet the comprehensive needs of school-aged youth and address health-related barriers to learning & school success. In addition to this effort, OHA through the Public Health Division is funded by Federal teen pregnancy prevention (PREP) dollars to implement a Latino specific HIV/STD prevention program, Cuidate! in selected targeted counties.

This grant funding helps support the collection of data related to school-specific policy and program implementation. There is no other standardized means currently in place to obtain nationally comparable state-level data on health related policies & programs in schools. The effort is essential to support the Department of Education and is required for them to be eligible to apply for and receive funds for Strategy 2 of the same FOA which funds the ODE HIV/STD Education Specialist that provides training on evidence-based practices in the school setting and recommends and monitors comprehensive sexuality education policy as defined in state statute.

Funds will be used to help maintain one position, Research Analyst 3, School Health Research Analyst whose responsibilities will be to communicate with CDC, verify the randomized sample, administer the survey and conduct follow-up in order to achieve optimum participation. Participation in the survey is voluntary. The position utilized is an existing permanent position.

We anticipate the funding will be renewed by the grantor for these activities as the School Health Profiles is a core national survey conducted by the CDC since 1996.

The OHA mission is to help people and communities achieve optimum physical, mental and social well-being through partnerships, prevention and access to quality, affordable health care. This opportunity supports our partnership with the Oregon Department of Education and though policy and programs supports all youth to make good decisions regarding their sexual health and relationships with the goal of reducing HIV/STI infections and reduce unintended teen pregnancy.

Action Requested

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Public Health Division requests permission to apply for the Promoting Adolescent health Through School-Based HIV/STD Prevention & School-Based Surveillance grant PS13-1308 from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention if the state's application is successful.

Legislation Affected

None

For additional information, please call Robert Nystrom at 971-673-0243.

Sincerely,



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