

GRANT REQUEST PONY

**Oregon Health Authority
Prescription Drug Monitoring Program**

(Reported out of Subcommittee on 4/30/13)

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Committee on Ways and Means approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of up to \$400,000 for 18 months, to improve the state Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.

The Prescription Drug Monitoring Program collects data from pharmacies on prescriptions for controlled substance drugs. Those data are then available through the system to health care providers who write prescriptions. The grant will fund the development and roll out of a variety of web-based interactive training modules that target the needs of the different users of the system. The grant will also focus on program effectiveness and the impact on patient outcomes.

The agency will need one limited duration position to coordinate the training development and rollout, administer contracts, and develop and submit reports.

The grant application was due on May 2, 2013. If approved, funding would begin on October 1, 2013 and end April 30, 2015. No state matching funds are required for the grant.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval of the request.

Federal Grant Application Request
Oregon Health Authority
Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

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Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of up to \$400,000 for 18 months, to improve the state Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.

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 Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. Grant funding is expected to be up to \$400,000 for 18 months. No state matching funds are required for the grant, nor is there a requirement for maintenance of effort.

The Oregon Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) was created by the legislature in 2009, and went into full operation in September 2011. This is a web-based data system that collects data from pharmacies on prescriptions for controlled substance drugs, and makes those data available to health care providers who write prescriptions. The primary purpose of the program is to improve patient health care. About 7 million prescription records are uploaded into the system each year, and more than 5,200 practitioners and pharmacists have PDMP accounts.

This grant will focus on the development and delivery of training for system users, and evaluation of program effectiveness. Specifically, the grant will fund the development and roll out of a variety of web-based interactive training modules that target the needs of the different disciplines using the system. These will include such topics as how to register, how to read and understand a report, how to use the report with a patient, and information on privacy and security issues. The grant will also focus on program effectiveness and the impact on patient outcomes. The grant will build on the work already being done by the Oregon Health Sciences University, Acumentra Health, and the agency's Evaluation Section, currently being funded with a grant from the National Institutes of Health.

The agency will need one limited duration position to coordinate the training development and rollout, administer contracts, manage the grant requirements, and develop and submit reports.

The grant application is due on May 2, 2013. If approved, funding would begin on October 1, 2013 and end April 30, 2015. If necessary, additional expenditure limitation and position authority could be included in the OHA 2013-15 budget, or be added later in the biennium.

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval of the request.