

Federal Grant Application Request

Oregon Health Authority

Oral Disease Prevention Program

Analyst: Linda Ames

Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the amount of up to \$370,000 per year for five years, to improve oral health.

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 State Oral Disease Prevention Program grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Grant funding is expected to be up to \$370,000 per year for five years. No state matching funds are required for the grant, nor is there a requirement for maintenance of effort.

The agency will be applying for the Component 2 of the grant, which will allow them to expand the state School-Based Dental Sealant Program to reach more low-income schools and rural settings. Currently this program reaches only about 30% of all low-income schools in the state. The grant will also be used to increase access to clinical and preventive oral health services statewide. The agency will work with partners such as the Oregon Primary Care Association, Federally Qualified Health Centers and School-Based Health Centers to implement strategies for integrating oral health services into all health systems in Oregon.

The agency will need 2.5 new limited duration positions to provide coordination of activities statewide and to provide data analysis. One of the positions would be a dental hygienist to work in the School-Based Dental Sealant Program.

The grant application is due on May 29, 2013. If approved, funding would begin on July 15, 2013 and end July 15, 2018. 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.

Motion: I move that the Joint Committee on Ways and Means approve the Oregon Health Authority's submission of a federal grant application to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to improve oral health.

May 6, 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 – CDC State Oral Disease Prevention Program (OHA-PH-13-06)

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Public Health Division requests permission to apply for the State Oral Disease Prevention Program cooperative agreement grant for federal funds up to \$370,000 per year for 5 years, beginning July 15, 2013 and ending July 15, 2018, for a total of up to \$1,850,000.

The intent of the grant is to assist state health departments in maintaining effective public health capacity for implementation, evaluation, and dissemination of best practices associated with oral disease prevention and improvement of oral health. The funding is available through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The request for proposals was received on April 11, 2013 and the application is due on May 29, 2013. This grant funding requires no state matching funds. There is not a federal requirement for maintenance of effort.

Agency Action

The Public Health Division's Oral Health Program is responsible for advancing evidence-based strategies to improve the oral health status of all Oregonians. The

Oral Health Unit takes a comprehensive approach to improving oral health outcomes, including policy development, ongoing data collection and maintenance of the Oregon Oral Health Surveillance System, delivery of fluoride supplements and dental sealants in school-based settings, building and enhancing partnerships and collaborations, providing leadership and educating the public. Communities in Oregon are experiencing gaps in building capacity and support for local oral health delivery systems and evidence-based services. There is a chronic shortage of dental practitioners in rural areas, with a disproportionate concentration in urban regions. The State Oral Disease Prevention Program grant will allow us to expand the current infrastructure for providing dental sealants and preventive oral health services statewide.

States can apply for one of the two components under the State Oral Disease Prevention Program grant. The intent of Component 1 is for state health departments to utilize seven basic strategies to build capacity for collective impact. The intent of Component 2 is to implement or expand evidence-based interventions focusing on one or more of the following: dental-sealants, water fluoridation, access to oral health care, or access to preventive dental services. Applicants of Component 2 must maintain efforts for Component 1 and address one or more of the interventions and strategies outlined in Component 2.

The Public Health Division's Oral Health Unit is only eligible to apply for Component 2 of the grant. Grant funds will be used to expand the state School-Based Dental Sealant Program to target more low-income schools and rural settings. Currently, the Program only reaches 30% of all low-income schools statewide. When combined with locally-operated dental sealant programs, approximately 69% of schools are served. A cost and benefit analysis will be conducted to determine the cost-effectiveness, efficiency, and impact of the state School-based Dental Sealant Program.

Grant funds will also be used to increase access to clinical and preventive oral health services statewide. The Oral Health Program will work collaboratively with the Oregon Primary Care Association, Federally Qualified Health Centers and School-based Health Centers to implement policies and strategies to integrate oral health services into all health systems in Oregon. Due to funding limitations of the grant, the Oral Health Program's application will not include work to increase the proportion of the population with access to optimally fluoridated water.

Funds will be used to create 2.5 new positions. A 1.0 FTE Operations and Policy Analyst 3 (C0872) position will coordinate activities related to increasing access to preventive oral health services statewide. This position will work with community partners to integrate oral health services into health systems. A 0.5 FTE Program Analyst 2 (C0861) dental hygienist position will assist the current coordinator for the state School-based Dental Sealant Program. Expanding the Program will increase workload that cannot be absorbed with existing program staff. A 1.0 FTE Epidemiologist 2 (C6217) position will provide an in-depth analysis of data that the Oral Health Program currently collects. This position will help streamline data collection statewide as it relates to the Oregon Oral Health Surveillance System and the state School-based Dental Sealant Program, and conduct a cost and benefit analysis of the dental sealant program, the five-year Smile Survey, and the Burden of Disease report. These positions will be limited duration for the duration of the grant.

There is no expectation that the state will continue to fund these activities or this position at the end of the grant period.

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 grant supports the mission by increasing access to basic oral health preventive services by expanding infrastructure at the local and community level. Additionally, it moves Oregon towards meeting the Healthy People 2020 goals of decreasing childhood tooth decay and increasing access and use of dental sealants.

Action Requested

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Public Health Division requests authority to accept a State Oral Disease Prevention Program grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) if the state's application is successful.

Legislation Affected

None.

For additional information, please call Jae Douglas, Administrator for the Center for Prevention and Health Promotion at (971) 673-1139.

Sincerely,



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