

GRANT REQUEST PONY

**Oregon Health Authority
State Oral Disease Prevention Program**

(Reported out of Subcommittee on 5/13/13)

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Committee on Ways and Means 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.

This grant funding will allow the agency to expand the state School-Based Dental Sealant Program to reach more low-income schools and rural settings. 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 program is already working with Coordinated Care Organizations and Dental Care Organizations in this regard.

The agency will need 2.5 new limited duration positions to expand the School-Based Dental Sealant Program, provide coordination of activities statewide and to provide data analysis.

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

Oral Disease Prevention Program

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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.