

**GRANT REQUEST PONY**

**Oregon Health Authority  
State Youth Treatment**

(Reported out of Subcommittee on May 14, 2013)

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The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Committee on Ways and Means approve the submission of a federal grant application to the US Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of up to \$950,000 annually for four years to expand addiction treatment services for youths ages 12 through 25.

Grant funding will support the implement of the Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach at two program sites in Oregon – one in Multnomah County by partnering with Central City Concern of Portland, and the second in Douglas County by partnering with ADAPT of Roseburg. The Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach is an evidence-based practice of behavioral intervention that focuses on positive “reinforcers” such as developing family, social, educational, and vocational incentives to support recovery from substance abuse and dependence. Lessons learned and best practices from these projects will be shared throughout the adolescent provider system statewide. In addition, the grant will allow the Oregon Health Authority to grow the treatment workforce serving adolescents by developing a statewide training and certification plan, and to enhance the current infrastructure for addiction treatment serving adolescents by developing partnerships statewide.

The agency will need one Limited Duration Program Analyst 3 position to provide oversight and coordination for this program. The grant application is due on May 22, 2013. If approved, the funding would begin October 2013 and end September 2017. Neither state matching funds nor maintenance of efforts are required by the grant.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval of the request.

# Federal Grant Application Request

## Oregon Health Authority

### State Youth Treatment

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**Analyst:** Kim To

**Request:** Approve the submission of a federal grant to the Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), in the amount of up to \$950,000 per year for four years, to collaborate with local community-based treatment providers to: (1) expand addiction treatment services for adolescents ages 12-18 and transitional aged youths ages 18-25 and their families; (2) grow the treatment workforce serving adolescents; (3) and enhance the infrastructure for addiction treatment serving adolescents by developing partnerships statewide.

**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 Youth Treatment grant from the Department of Health and Human Services. The grant is expected to be up to \$950,000 per year for four years. No state matching funds are required for the grant, nor is there a requirement for maintenance of effort.

This grant will allow OHA to implement the Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach (A-CRA) starting with two program sites in Oregon – one in Multnomah County by partnering with Central City Concern of Portland, and the second in Douglas County by partnering with ADAPT of Roseburg. The Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach is an evidence-based practice of behavioral intervention that focuses on positive “reinforcers” such as developing family, social, educational, and vocational incentives to support recovery from substance abuse and dependence. These project sites will use outreach strategies to engage communities experiencing health disparities. Lessons learned from these projects concerning the clinical and administrative conditions that promote the implementation of this model will be shared throughout the adolescent provider system statewide. In addition, the grant will allow OHA to grow the treatment workforce serving adolescents by developing a statewide training and certification plan, and to enhance the current infrastructure for addiction treatment serving adolescents by developing partnerships statewide.

If the grant is successful, OHA will need one Limited Duration Program Analyst 3 position to provide oversight and coordination for this program.

The grant application is due on May 22, 2013. If approved, the funding would begin October 2013 and end September 2017. If necessary, the additional expenditure limitation and position authority could be included in the OHA 201315 budget, or be added later in the biennium.

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval of the request.