

GRANT REQUEST PONY

**Oregon Health Authority
State and Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention**

(Reported out of Subcommittee on May 30, 2013)

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Full Committee approve the submission of a federal grant application to the US Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of up to \$440,000 annually for three years to collaborate with local mental health programs to develop and implement statewide youth suicide prevention and early intervention strategies.

Grant funding will allow OHA to strengthen local capacity to prevent youth suicide. Grant funded activities will include providing grants to local mental health programs for training of their youth-serving workforce; and to promote public education, and the National Suicide Prevention Line.

No state matching funds are required for the grant, and no new staff will be needed to implement the activities of the grant.

The grant application is due on June 13, 2013. If approved, the funding would begin September 30, 2013 and end September 29, 2016.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval of the request.

Federal Grant Application Request
Oregon Health Authority
State and Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention

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Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant to the Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), in the amount of up to \$440,000 per year for four years, to collaborate with local mental health programs to develop and implement statewide youth suicide prevention and early intervention strategies.

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Analysis: The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Public Health Division is requesting approval from the Joint Committee on Ways and Means to apply for the Cooperative Agreements for State-Sponsored Youth Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention grant from the Department of Health and Human Services. The grant is expected to be up to \$440,000 per year for three years (up to \$1,320,000 in total). No state matching funds are required for the grant, nor is there a requirement for maintenance of effort.

This funding opportunity would be the third grant on a four year cycle. This grant cycle would allow OHA to build on the work accomplished with the previous two grants to strengthen local capacity to prevent youth suicide. Grant funded activities will include (1) providing grants to 19 local mental health programs to train youth-serving primary care and behavioral healthcare workforce in a suicide intervention model known as Applied Suicide Intervention Skills (ASIST); (2) providing 6 grants per year to local mental health programs to collect data and implement training in assessing and managing suicide risk; (3) enhancing strategies to reach under-served youths who are at risk for suicide because of health disparities; (4) participating in coalitions, networks, alliances, and councils to promote training, public education, and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline; and (5) collecting evaluation data to monitor the progress and impact of grant activities.

No new staff will be needed to implement the activities of the grant. Grant funding would support two existing positions, a state project director at 0.10 FTE, and a project coordinator at 0.20 FTE.

The grant application is due on June 13, 2013. If approved, the funding would begin September 30, 2013 and end September 29, 2016. If necessary, the additional expenditure limitation 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.