

Federal Grant Application Request  
**Oregon Department of Education**  
Safe Schools/Healthy Students Grant

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**Analyst:** Doug Wilson

**Request:** Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in the amount of \$8.9 million for a four year Safe Schools/Health Students Grant.

**Recommendation:** Approve the request.

**Analysis:** The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) is requesting authority to apply for a federal grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) of the federal Department of Health and Human Services. The grant is for the Safe Schools/Healthy Students State Planning, Local Education Agency, and Local Community Cooperative Agreements Initiative. ODE is applying for a four-year \$8.9 million grant which is due July 1, 2013. The agency became aware of the grant on May 28. ODE will partner with the Oregon Health Authority, Mental Health and Addictions Services as well as with organizations already in place in the communities.

The agency would use most of the grant funding to support development of programs in three school districts. The programs are for identifying and implementing school-wide positive practices that are designed to keep students safe and engaged at school and for developing alternatives to suspension and expulsion disciplinary practices. The grant would fund two positions at the Department of Education (an Education Specialist 2 and an Office Specialist) and district staff including a district director or coordinator for the program, a trainer, juvenile counselors, and a support staff. The counselor resources would provide individual on-site support for students to assist with increasing school attendance, decreased drug use and bullying, and working with juvenile offenders. The largest expected expenditure of grant funds is for mental health professionals to assist students and their families to address mental health issues that affect school performance. There are also resources allocated for evaluation of the programs funded with the grant as well as purchase of prevention curriculum for the local districts.

There are no matching requirements for the grant. ODE anticipates expending \$4.43 million in each of the next two biennia if they receive the grant funding.



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June 7, 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

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

**Nature of the Emergency/Request:**

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) respectfully requests approval to apply for a four-year, \$8.9 million grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMHSA) Projects of Regional and National Significance. The grant is for the Safe Schools/Healthy Students State Planning, Local Education Agency, and Local Community Cooperative Agreements (SS/HS State Program) Initiative (CFDA # 93.243). Expected annual funding is approximately \$2.2 million.

**Agency Action**

On May 28, 2013, the SAMHSA published notification of the grant's availability and indicated applications were due July 1, 2013. ODE will use the funds in collaboration with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Mental Health and Addictions Services, as well as with select school districts to enhance the development, implementation and sustainability of safe schools, including implementing a program/methodology in our schools that promotes healthy, safe and optimum learning environments. Accordingly, positive school climates and cultures will result to substantially reduce, prevent and eliminate the occurrence of violence, gang affiliation and violence, bullying and harassment, and substance abuse.

The grant supports the ODE's mission and strategic plan of creating safe and healthy learning environments, including promoting equitable instructional and disciplinary processes to eliminate disproportionate practices that negatively affect school climate, while promoting safe learning environments that engage all students, increase achievement for each and every student, and close the achievement gap.

This grant supports the work under House Bill 2192 from the 2013 legislative session by assisting with identifying and implementing school-wide positive practices that are designed to keep students safe and engaged at school, along with identifying best practices and alternatives to exclusionary (suspension and expulsion) disciplinary practices.

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There are no matching requirements for this grant. Most costs are contractual and allocated to program development and implementation. Total expenses budgeted for 2013-15 are approximately \$4.43 million, and another \$4.43 million would be budgeted for the proceeding biennium (2015-17).

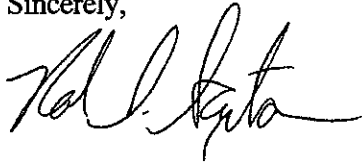
**Action Requested**

ODE respectfully requests approval to apply for a four-year, \$8.9 million Safe and Healthy Students grant from the SAMHSA.

**Legislation Affected**

None.

Sincerely,



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