

Analysis  
**Oregon Health Authority**  
Mobilization for Health Grant Request

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**Analyst:** Kim To

**Request:** Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health, in the amount of up to \$500,000 a year for 3 years, beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2017 for a total amount of up to \$1.5 million, to support collaboration among local public health departments and other organizations [e.g. Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs)] in order to address systemic barriers which limit access to health promotion, prevention, and appropriate health services among at-risk populations, including those experiencing health disparities.

**Recommendation:** Approve the request.

**Analysis:** The Public Health Division of the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) requests approval to apply for the Mobilization for Health: National Prevention Partnership Awards Program grant, from the U.S Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health, in the amount of up to \$500,000 a year for 3 years, beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2017 for a total amount of up to \$1.5 million, to build upon the Public Health Division's existing community prevention grant model to support Coordinated Care Organizations and other non-profit organizations that are implementing cost-effective approaches to improve the health of Oregonians through enhanced access, and the use of education and services to promote preventive approaches in treating conditions such as cardiovascular disease, chronic respiratory conditions, childhood obesity, diabetes, and mental illness.

If awarded, the Public Health Division will use a competitive grant process to fund local public health departments and Coordinated Care Organizations efforts.

Because the work supported by this grant aligns with current work in supporting community level efforts to promote prevention and health equity, no new staff will be needed to implement the activities of the grant. No state matching funds are required for the grant, and there is no federal requirement for maintenance effort.

The grant application is due March 3, 2014. If awarded, additional expenditure limitation could be included later in the biennium.

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval of the request.