

January 22, 2014

The Honorable Senator Richard Devlin, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Peter Buckley, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
900 Court Street NE
H-178 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301-4048

Re: Request to Apply Letter – Competitive Grant – Mobilization for Health:
National Prevention Partnership Awards (NPPA) Program
CFDA Number 93.311

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Public Health Division requests permission to apply for the Mobilization for Health: National Prevention Partnership Awards (NPPA) Program – CDFA #93.311 for federal funds up to \$500,000 a year for 3 years, beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2017, for a total of up to \$1.5 million.

The intent of the grant is to support community health programs for new and innovative programs in health information and health promotion, preventive health services and education in the appropriate use of health care. The funding is available through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health. The request for proposal was received on 12/27/13, and the application is due on 03/03/14. This grant funding requires no state matching funds. There is no federal requirement for maintenance of effort.

Agency Action

The Public Health Division administers programs and policies promoting health and preventing the leading causes of death, disease, and injury in Oregon. Public Health has been able to support discrete efforts to transform health systems across

Oregon through specific state-level programs and by funding limited community-level efforts. This funding opportunity would further support a coordinated strategy by allowing the Public Health Division to work across sectors, jurisdictions, funders, professional associations and direct service providers. This will build a focused health promotion and disease prevention approach that will support the goals of the Triple Aim: Better health, better care, lower cost.

The NPPA program would support further transformation of the health system by building local collaboration between health care and public health through awards to communities focused on strategies linking promotion and prevention with clinical interventions with an eye toward achieving the Triple Aim and improving health equity. Additionally, the award would provide resources for coordination by the Public Health Division to convene partners, support grantees, and leverage opportunities to integrate public health and primary care.

Funds will not be used to create new positions. Activities will be accomplished through existing permanent, limited duration, or contract personnel.

There is no expectation that the state will continue to fund these activities or positions at the end of the grant period.

The OHA mission is to help people and communities achieve optimum physical, mental, and social well-being through partnerships, prevention and access to quality, affordable health care.

OHA's Triple Aim and core functions of the Public Health Division will be enhanced with additional resources provided by this award for community-based data on health conditions and increased capacity for preventing diseases. The funding would advance Oregon's health system transformation by providing resources to Coordinated Care Organizations and local public health authorities to build strong partnerships and test interventions proven to improve population health, while also engaging other payers in a multi-stakeholder strategy to improve the health of all Oregonians. The award would build upon the Public Health Division's successful community prevention grant model, which currently funds a limited number of Oregon communities that are implementing cost-effective, proven interventions, including those that improve quality of care.

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Action Requested

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Public Health Division requests authority to accept a Mobilization for Health: National Prevention Partnership grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health if the state's application is successful.

Legislation Affected

None

For additional information, please call Michael Tynan, Policy Officer, Office of the State Public Health Director at 971-673-1282.

Sincerely,



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