

Federal Grant Application Request

Oregon Health Authority

Colorectal Cancer Screening Grant

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Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the amount of up to \$800,000 per year for five years to increase colorectal cancer screenings.

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Analysis: The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is requesting approval to apply for the Organized Approaches to Increase Colorectal Cancer Screenings grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The grant is for up to \$800,000 per year for five years, and begins June 30, 2015.

The purpose of the grant is to increase colorectal cancer screenings, and will specifically focus on reducing disparities in screening among the Medicaid and Latino populations. The agency will partner with the InterCommunity Health Network coordinated care organization (CCO) in year one, and use that experience to work with other CCOs and provider networks in later years. Colorectal cancer screenings is one of the 17 incentive metrics for CCOs. Expected outcomes include:

- Increase partnerships among the state, local public health, and health systems
- Increase provider and patient reminder systems
- Educate the target populations about the need for screening
- Educate providers about screening quality standards and recommended screening tests
- Increase use of health system data to improve evaluation and quality

In addition, the grant will support a number of statewide efforts through partners such as the OHA Transformation Center, the Oregon Primary Care Association, the American Cancer Society and local public health departments. The goal of the grant is to reach an 80% screening rate among adults aged 50-75 by 2018.

No state matching funds are required for the grant, and there is no federal requirement for maintenance of effort. The agency does not expect to need any new positions but will repurpose portions of four existing positions to meet the requirements of the grant.

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval of the request to apply for a grant to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the amount of up to \$800,000 per year for five years to increase colorectal cancer screenings.