

Federal Grant Application Request
Oregon Health Authority
Health Information Technology Grant

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Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of up to \$1 million per year for two years to support the interoperable exchange of health information.

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Analysis: The Oregon Health Authority is requesting approval to apply for the Advance Interoperable Health Information Technology Services to Support Health Information Exchange grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The grant is for up to \$1 million per year for two years, and funding is anticipated to begin June 2015.

The grant proposes to focus on consent management, which is a major barrier to health information exchange across provider types. The goal is to engage primary care physicians, behavioral health providers, and emergency providers to develop policies and tools, and implement a consent management process. If successful, the agency will pass through most of the funds to the Jefferson Health Information Exchange (HIE) for this purpose. Jefferson HIE includes Jackson, Josephine, and Klamath counties and the Columbia Gorge region.

This grant requires a \$1 state match for every \$3 of federal funding. The grant will meet this requirement primarily through the in-kind value of services provided by the Jefferson HIE, including staff time, purchased technical tools, and stakeholder participation in activities. There is no federal requirement for maintenance of effort for this grant, and no new positions will be needed.

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval of the request to apply for a grant to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of up to \$1 million per year for two years to support the exchange of health information.