

# Federal Grant Application Request

## Oregon Health Authority

### Prescription Drug Overdose 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 \$1,000,000 per year for four years to reduce prescription drug overdose and abuse.

**Recommendation:** Approve the request.

**Analysis:** The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is requesting approval to apply for the Prescription Drug Overdose for States grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The grant is for up to \$1,000,000 per year for four years, and begins September 2015.

The goal of the grant is to enhance and maximize the state Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), and to implement community and insurer/health system interventions aimed at preventing prescription drug overdose and abuse. The grant will focus on five regions based on data indicating the greatest need. The five regions include Curry/Coos/Josephine, Lane/Douglas, Washington/Multnomah/Clackamas, Linn/Benton/Lincoln, and Tillamook/Clatsop.

The project expects to work with local opioid prescriber groups in the five regions, including CCOs and health systems. Focus areas include: promote the use of the PDMP, change prescribing guidelines for chronic pain, remove methadone from preferred drug status for chronic pain, increase naloxone rescue in cases of overdose, and expand the access to medication-assisted treatment for opioid dependency. Another focus will be to increase insurance coverage for non-pharmacological pain care.

A number of PDMP system improvements could increase both the use and usefulness of the system. These include ways to make the system easier to use by streamlining account set-up and authorization processes, as well as reducing repetitive sign off/sign back on requirements. Other potential enhancements could make data available more quickly, and provide notifications to providers when patient reports are available. Some of these changes would need legislative approval.

No state matching funds are required for the grant, and there is no federal requirement for maintenance of effort. The agency expects to need two new limited duration 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 \$1,000,000 per year for four years to reduce prescription drug overdose and abuse.