

Federal Grant Application Request

Oregon Department of Education

Team Nutrition Training Grant

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Request: Authority to apply for a federal 2015 Team Nutrition Training Grant in an amount of up to \$350,000.

Recommendation: Approve the Request.

Analysis: The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) is requesting authority to apply for a \$350,000 federal grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The 2015 Team Nutrition Training Grant is being offered to enhance training in support of USDA nutrition standards for meals and snacks through the Child Nutrition Programs. The deadline for submitting the grant application is May 19, 2015. There are no matching requirements for this grant and no additional staff is required.

The ODE has recently completed a needs assessment to determine the objective for which the grant will be focused. It must be focused on one of three areas: (1) methods to increase students' choice of whole grain, fat-free or low-fat dairy products, fruits, vegetables, or legumes; (2) training for food service staff on implementing the dietary guidelines and other activities; and (3) technical assistance for creating and maintaining a healthier school or child care environment. Based in part on input from local program staff, the needs analysis demonstrated the grant funds, if awarded, should be used to address the first two areas.

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) recommends approval of the request to apply for the Team Nutrition Training Grant in an amount of up to \$350,000.