

Federal Grant Application Request

Oregon Health Authority

Congenital Heart Defects 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 \$425,000 per year for four years to identify the prevalence of congenital heart defects.

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Analysis: The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is requesting approval to apply for the Surveillance of Congenital Heart Defects Across the Lifespan grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The grant is for up to \$425,000 per year for four years, and begins October 1, 2015.

The purpose of the grant is to develop and implement approaches for identifying the prevalence of Oregonians with congenital heart defects. The agency will use multiple existing data sources to identify individuals with congenital heart defects across the lifespan. Unlike many other birth anomalies that are identified at birth, this anomaly is identified more often in adolescence and adulthood. Ultimately, the goal is to better understand the effects of congenital heart defects into adulthood, and to develop strategies to improve health care services for this population.

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.

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 \$425,000 per year for four years to identify the prevalence of congenital heart defects.