

Analysis
Oregon Health Authority
Hepatitis Grant

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Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the amount of up to \$200,000 per year for four years to improve data collection related to Hepatitis C Virus and Hepatitis B Virus.

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Analysis: The Oregon Health Authority is requesting approval to apply for the Strengthening Surveillance in Jurisdictions with High Incidence of Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) and Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) Infections from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The grant is for up to \$200,000 per year for four years, starting May 1, 2017.

The purpose of the grant is to improve data collection for acute and chronic HCV and HBV and perinatal HCV. Improved data will help to better understand local factors in disease transmission, and the burden of disease in different regions of the state. It will also help guide planning and policy efforts to improve screening, treatment, and prevention strategies.

The grant will focus on improving the completeness and timeliness of laboratory and case information reported, and improving information on the true incidence of the diseases by supplementing case data with data from other sources such as Medicaid, hospital discharge data, Oregon's cancer registry, and the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System survey. Additional information will improve outbreak responses, as well as help guide state and local prevention and treatment programs.

The grant application was submitted January 31, 2017, and the agency submitted the required 10-day notification letter on January 4, 2017. No state matching funds are required, and there is no federal requirement for maintenance of effort. No additional staff are needed, and if necessary, the additional federal funds expenditure limitation will be included as part of the agency's 2017-19 budget recommendation.

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval, retroactively, of the request to apply for a grant from CDC for \$200,000 per year for four years to improve data collection related to Hepatitis B and C.