

## Analysis

### Oregon Health Authority

#### Supporting Young Parents Grant

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**Request:** Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$1.5 million per year for three years to support expectant and parenting teens and young adults.

**Recommendation:** Approve the request.

**Analysis:** The Oregon Health Authority is requesting approval to apply for the Support for Expectant and Parenting Teens, Women, Fathers and Their Families from the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Adolescent Health. The grant is for up to \$1,500,000 per year for three years, starting July 1, 2017.

The purpose of the grant is to provide expectant and parenting teens and young adults, as well as their families, with a seamless network of supportive services to improve their health and well-being. A key objective of the grant is to improve not only the health outcomes of the target population, but also educational, social, and economic outcomes that shape health. The agency intends to support 4-6 community colleges in Oregon to enhance their system of services for this population. The colleges will be chosen through an RFP process.

Community colleges would be expected to provide core services in five domains, either through direct service provision or referrals and linkages. Personal health includes services such as prenatal and postpartum care, reproductive health, mental and behavioral health, and violence prevention and intervention. Child health includes well child visits, early childhood education, and child welfare. The domain of self-sufficiency, education, and employment includes services such as academic supports, mentorship, job readiness, vocational training, job placement, and college planning. Other supports include safe and stable housing, food support, transportation, health insurance, and state programs such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Women Infants and Children program (WIC). The specific implementation plans for each community college will be determined during the planning phase, the first few months of the grant.

The grant application is due March 24, 2017. No state matching funds are required, and there is no federal requirement for maintenance of effort. However, the grant does require a 25% match, either cash or in-kind support, from the community colleges that receive funding as part of the grant. The agency will use an existing position to meet the requirements of the grant. 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 of the request to apply for a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services for \$1.5 million per year for three years to support expectant and parenting teens and young adults.

