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The Honorable Senator Richard Devlin, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Nancy Nathanson, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
900 Court Street NE
H-178 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301-4048

Re: Permission to apply – Formula Based Grant –Participate in the State
Targeted Response to Opioid Crisis Grant (OHA-HPA-17-2)

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is seeking approval to apply and participate in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse treatment (CSAT) and Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grants (Opioid STR). During the grant, the state will receive an anticipated amount of \$6,564,425 per year over two years. The grant is awarded to the State via formula based on unmet need for opioid use disorder treatment and drug poisoning deaths as determined by the National Survey of Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) and the CDC Surveillance System.

The program aims to address the opioid crisis by increasing access to treatment, reducing unmet treatment need, and reducing opioid overdose related deaths through provision of prevention. Congress passed the 21st Century Cure in 2016. The SAMHSA, CSAT, and CSAP are providing 59 grant awards to US States and Territories for a two year grant project improve the access to quality health services for Opioid Use Disorder. Grant will be awarded on April 15, 2017. The due date for application is February 17, 2017.

Agency Action

In November 2016, a core workgroup was convened to review the existing opioid programs and develop a proposed plan to supplement, add to, and increase support for opioid related programs undertaken by the State.

The committee was responsible for identifying resources, assessing the scope and gaps of existing opioid programs, and create a plan to leverage on the existing infrastructure to enhance access to quality health care services for opioid use disorder. The scope of the proposed plan for the Opioid STR draws from previous opioid grants received from SAMHSA and CDC, the Behavioral Health Mapping Tool, and the Substance Use Disorder Waiver Concept. The committee finished this work in January 2017.

The following are the primary deliverables during the grant period:

- Increase access to treatment, reducing unmet treatment need, and reducing opioid overdose related deaths through the provision of prevention, treatment and recovery activities for Opioid Use Disorder (including illicit drugs like heroin).
- Supplement current opioid activities undertaken by the state.
- Support a comprehensive response to the opioid epidemic using a strategic planning process to conduct needs and capacity assessment.

Action Requested

OHA requests authority to apply to participate in the SAMHSA, SCAT, and CSAP State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grant. There would be no required state match, maintenance of effort required. Position authority for one Limited Duration OPA3 (2 years) position of 1 FTE will be funded by the grant as a Grant Coordinator is also requested.

Legislation Affected

None

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For additional information, please call Michael N. Morris at 503-947-5539.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynne Saxton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lynne Saxton
Director

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