

## **Oregon Health Authority MacDonald**

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**Request:** Authorization to apply for a federal Opioid Crisis grant of \$6,564,425 million per year for a two-year period.

**Recommendation:** Approve the request.

**Discussion:** The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) requests authorization to apply for a grant from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) to support the state's participation in the State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis program. The purpose of this program is to increase access to treatment and reduce unmet need for opioid use disorder (OUD) treatment, while decreasing opioid overdose deaths through prevention, treatment, and recovery.

OHA plans to leverage this grant opportunity by supporting the following activities: expand existing activities currently funded by the federal Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention awarded to OHA in 2016; implement at least one public education initiative related to OUD; partner with Coordinated Care Organizations to distribute Naloxone kits to needle exchange programs; partner with the Oregon Health and Sciences University to increase the number of providers with training on prescription drug guidelines; partner with the Oregon Department of Corrections to implement a pilot program that connects individuals with OUD with a peer navigator when reentering the community; and expand peer supported recovery for individuals in recovery support housing. The agency will also include tribal communities in its needs assessment and strategic planning process.

OHA's grant proposal draws upon the findings of a stakeholder group convened in November 2016, to review existing opioid programs and through the experience of activities funded by previous grants from SAMHSA and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The new SAMHSA grant will be awarded to states and territories via formula based on unmet need for opioid use disorder treatment and drug poisoning deaths. Based on this formula, the anticipated amount for Oregon is \$6,564,425 per year, or \$13,128,850 over the two-year project period. The grant application is due no later than February 17, 2017 and the grant is expected to be awarded on April 15, 2017. The federal grant does not require state matching funds or maintenance of effort.

The agency anticipates needing position authority for one limited duration Operations and Policy Analyst position. OHA will also return to the Legislative Assembly if it is determined a limitation increase for Federal Funds is needed.