

Analysis

Consent Agenda – Human Services and Public Safety Agencies

Requests for Approval to Apply for Federal Grants

Five state agencies seek retroactive approval to submit 17 grant applications to various federal agencies as outlined below: Department of Human Services (5), Oregon Health Authority (9), Oregon Youth Authority (1), Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (1), and the Criminal Justice Commission (1).

Retroactive approval is necessary for grant applications with deadlines that fell before the submittal dates for the September 2020 meeting of the Emergency Board, and for which prior legislative approval has not been obtained. For all but three of these retroactive requests, the agencies submitted to legislative leadership advance notification of their intent to apply for the grants as required by the Department of Administrative Services and Legislative Fiscal Office instructions for submittal of grant requests to the Emergency Board.

15. Department of Human Services – Sexual Risk Avoidance Education

Analyst: Laurie Byerly

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the Administration for Children, Youth, and Families, in the amount of up to \$450,000 over three years, for the Self Sufficiency Program to implement a sexual risk avoidance education curriculum for eighth graders.

Analysis: The Department of Human Services (DHS) requests retroactive approval to apply for a Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (SRAE) grant. The federal SRAE program supports projects that teach participants how to voluntarily refrain from non-marital sexual activity. Key program components include promoting self-regulation, poverty prevention, and healthy relationships, while also teaching students how to resist sexual coercion, dating violence, and other risk behaviors (such as alcohol use) without normalizing teen sexual activity.

The agency's grant proposal complements its current My Future-My Choice program, which is a comprehensive sexuality education curriculum for sixth graders serving more than 10,000 students annually. The new curriculum, which will be adapted from an existing program, will also meet state health education standards and law requirements. DHS plans to work with the My Future-My Choice advisory group and other state agencies to develop and promote the curriculum. Project goals include reaching 7,000 students by the end of the 2023 school year.

The project budget covers salary and associated costs for one limited duration position to train classroom facilitators, monitor curriculum delivery, and provide technical assistance. A little over half of the budget is for contracted services with local organizations to implement and coordinate the program. Regarding sustainability, the eighth-grade curriculum materials will be provided by DHS at no cost to schools to support the program beyond the grant funding cycle.

This grant does not have state cost sharing or matching requirements. The grant application was due on May 26, 2020; on May 15, 2020, DHS sent a timely letter of intent to apply to the Legislative Fiscal Office. Award announcements are anticipated by the end of September 2020 and grant work is expected to begin soon after awards are made. If the grant application is successful, the agency will make a future request for any needed Federal Funds expenditure limitation. Depending on timing, a limited duration position may need to be approved administratively to initiate the project.

16. Department of Human Services – Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer

Analyst: Laurie Byerly

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, in the amount of up to \$77,506,142 over three years to reduce food insecurity and hunger among children in the summer months.

Analysis: The Department of Human Services (DHS) is seeking retroactive approval to apply for federal funding available to help demonstrate how Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) can best be deployed to feed needy children in the summer while operating in a way that makes efficient use of taxpayer dollars. There are two components to the agency's grant proposal:

- 1) A total of \$3,388,432 would pay for administrative costs, including 23 limited duration positions to operate the program statewide each summer. The amount also covers vendor payments for setting up and loading benefits onto EBT (Oregon Trail) cards. These costs are budgeted as limited and, if the grant application is successful, will likely require an increase in Federal Funds expenditure limitation and position authority.
- 2) DHS estimates food benefit costs of \$74,017,710, which is based on a minimum of 230,000 children receiving \$30 per month (for three months) each summer. Similar to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, these costs will flow through the nonlimited budget.

While the federal funding announcement and agency letter both reference programs starting in 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic the program was delayed and is now planned to span the summers of 2021, 2022, and 2023. Grant awards are expected to be announced by November 2020. This change in timing also means the bulk of any grant-related budget changes will not be needed until the 2021-23 biennium. This grant does not have state cost sharing or matching requirements.

The federal grant application was due on May 6, 2020; on April 22, 2020, DHS sent a letter of intent to apply to the Legislative Fiscal Office. If the agency's grant application is successful, any needed Federal Funds expenditure limitation or position authority will be addressed later this biennium.

17. Department of Human Services – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Improvement

Analyst: Laurie Byerly

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, in the amount of up to \$2 million over three years to improve processes and technology within the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Analysis: The Department of Human Services (DHS) is seeking retroactive approval to apply for federal funding available to help improve the quality and efficiency of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP; also known as food stamps) operations. The agency's grant proposal centers around the design, piloting, and implementation of a SNAP Virtual Assister (SNAP VA). The SNAP VA will be a web-based and standalone application to help underserved individuals overcome challenges in understanding and completing the SNAP application process. The application will be user friendly, tackle language barriers, and provide visual cues to help populations understand basic SNAP-related information and objects (such as providing an image of a pay stub).

DHS will use a mix of contracted resources and agency staff to carry out project activities, from needs assessment through system deployment and evaluation; more than 80% of the grant funds are expected to flow through to a contractor experienced in both developing software and working with Self Sufficiency programs. In the final year of the three-year grant, a new training specialist position will be needed to develop training content and educational materials for staff, partners, and SNAP participants. This grant does not have state cost sharing or matching requirements.

The grant application was due on June 15, 2020; on June 3, 2020, DHS sent a letter of intent to apply to the Legislative Fiscal Office. Grant awards are expected to be announced in October 2020; if the agency's application is successful, DHS will make future request(s) for any needed Federal Funds expenditure limitation or position authority.

18. Department of Human Services – Kinship Navigator Program

Analyst: Laurie Byerly

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the Administration on Children, Youth, and Families for one-time funding in the amount of up to \$292,085 to support kinship navigator efforts for the Child Welfare program.

Analysis: DHS requests retroactive approval to apply for federal funding allocated by formula to states to support the development, enhancement, or evaluation of kinship navigator programs. These programs assist grandparents and other relatives providing care to children who are unable to live with their parents. This is the third federal fiscal year in which the federal government has offered one-time funds to assist state agencies prepare their programs to take advantage of law and funding changes made under the 2018 Family First Prevention Services Act.

DHS will use the grant to work on several program components federally deemed to be necessary for an effective kinship navigator model. The primary focus will be implementation and support of a virtual Basic Service Center to connect kinship families, increase outreach, provide information, engage communities, and provide access to updated resource materials. Child Welfare will continue to coordinate and consult with foster care system partners, caregivers, and families on this work.

The agency does not need additional staff or matching funds to support the grant, which must be spent on activities completed by September 30, 2021. The grant application was due on May 1, 2020 (extended from a previous April deadline) and on March 18, 2020 DHS sent a timely letter of intent to apply to the Legislative Fiscal Office. An award letter has already been received in the amount of \$292,085 but is currently being revised due to a technical error. The slight increase in the grant

amount from the original federal estimate of \$289,913 is due to a reallocation of the overall funding after applications were received. No Federal Funds expenditure limitation is currently being requested to spend the grant funds.

20. Department of Human Services – Aging and Disability Resource Connection

Analyst: Laurie Byerly

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the Administration for Community Living, in the amount of up to \$750,000 over a one-year period, for critical relief funds to help the Aging and People with Disabilities program prepare for and respond to COVID-19.

Analysis: The Department of Human Services (DHS) is seeking retroactive approval to apply for a federal grant offered through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. The grant supports essential services related to application assistance, assessments, person-centered planning, care coordination, and follow-up for all populations, including older adults, persons with disabilities, and caregivers.

In Oregon, the primary service access and information point is through the statewide Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) network, which strives to streamline consumer access to a complicated aging and disability service delivery system. The agency's \$750,000 spending plan will fund proposals from local ADRC offices and Centers for Independent Living that are primarily focused on providing virtual access to services and mitigating adverse effects resulting from the pandemic; these include social isolation and limited access to nutritional supports.

This grant does not have state cost sharing or matching requirements and DHS does not need new staff to support the work. The grant application was due on April 15, 2020; on April 13, 2020, DHS sent a letter of intent to apply to the Legislative Fiscal Office. Since the grant announcement was posted on April 6, 2020, the agency was not able to meet the 10-day notice requirement. The grant was awarded on April 29, 2020 in the amount of \$750,000. Additional Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the grant was already included in SB 5723 (2nd special session of 2020).

22. Oregon Health Authority – Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

Analyst: Tom MacDonald

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, in the amount of up to \$2 million over three years, to improve Oregon's ability to monitor and use controlled substance prescription data.

Analysis: The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) requests retroactive approval to apply for the federal Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) grant. The purpose of the grant is to improve the state's ability to prevent the diversion and abuse of pharmaceutically controlled substances by enhancing quality assurance processes and the ability to use and analyze controlled substance prescription data. The proposal by OHA's Public Health Division, which houses Oregon's PDMP, is to use funds to evaluate the impact of previous PDMP system improvements, including the

impact of interstate data sharing and electronic health record integration; analyze stimulant prescribing trends to guide public health practices; and enhance PDMP data quality assurance practices. The agency will use existing staff to support these activities.

The grant does not require a state match or cost-sharing. The grant application was due May 5, 2020 and awards are expected to be announced by the end of September 2020.

23. Oregon Health Authority – Zero Suicide Initiative

Analyst: Tom MacDonald

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in the amount of up to \$3.5 million over a five-year period, for suicide prevention and intervention activities.

Analysis: The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) requests retroactive approval to apply for the Zero Suicide in Health Systems grant opportunity. Zero Suicide is a nationwide initiative designed to raise awareness of suicide and improve care and outcomes for such individuals who are at risk for suicide. Recipients of this grant opportunity will implement the Zero Suicide model throughout their health systems.

OHA submitted its grant application by the March 30, 2020 federal deadline and has since learned its application was successful for the receipt of \$700,000 per year over five years, for a total of \$3.5 million. The agency's Public Health Division has already advanced the Zero Suicide model in Oregon through youth suicide prevention activities funded under the federal Garret Lee Smith grant program. The new grant award will allow the Public Health Division to expand Zero Suicide opportunities to health care systems serving adults age 25 and over, which is consistent with the federal grant requirements. Public Health will provide grants to health systems to screen individuals receiving care for suicidal thoughts and behavior; implement evidence-based treatment that addresses suicidal ideation and behaviors; train health care workers in suicide prevention services; and work with veteran's organizations to engage at-risk veterans who are not currently receiving services.

The grant requires no state match or cost-sharing. Consistent with the federal grant requirements, the Public Health Division will hire an Operations and Policy Analyst 3 to serve as the grant's program coordinator.

24. Oregon Health Authority – Improving Health Outcomes for Alzheimer's Disease

Analyst: Tom MacDonald

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in the amount of up to \$1.5 million over three years, to improve health outcomes related to Alzheimer's Disease.

Analysis: The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) requests retroactive approval to apply for a federal grant to improve health outcomes for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias by supporting risk

reduction, early diagnosis, prevention, the use of key data, and care for persons with dementia. OHA's Public Health Division qualifies for an enhanced grant award, which are available to applicants who already have an established chronic disease prevention infrastructure and an Alzheimer's disease and related dementias strategic plan. For an enhanced award, applicants must contribute a 30% match through cash or in-kind support. The Public Health Division is able to satisfy the match through in-kind support by leveraging the state-funded cost of existing program staff who work on activities related to supporting brain health.

The Public Health Division plans to use grant funding, if awarded, to expand data resources on cognitive decline and Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, increase statewide communications related to Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias, and support education and training related to cognitive decline and associated risk factors, as well as the role of caregiving for persons with dementia. The agency intends to hire a Program Analyst 3 position to support the grant requirements. The grant application was due May 26, 2020 for the three-year grant period beginning September 30, 2020.

25. Oregon Health Authority – Comprehensive Suicide Prevention

Analyst: Tom MacDonald

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in the amount of up to \$3.5 million over a five-year period, for suicide prevention activities targeting youth and adults.

Analysis: The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) requests retroactive approval to apply for the federal Comprehensive Suicide Prevention grant opportunity through the CDC. The purpose of the grant is to implement and evaluate a comprehensive public health approach to suicide prevention to reduce suicide morbidity and mortality. Grantees are required to focus this effort on one or more vulnerable populations with suicide rates greater than the general population. Examples of vulnerable populations include, but are not limited to, veterans, tribal populations, rural communities, the LGBTQ community, and the homeless. OHA submitted its grant application by the May 26, 2020 federal deadline with a proposal to use funding to support components of the state's youth and adult suicide intervention and prevention plans. OHA has since learned the CDC did not approve the agency's grant application for an award.

26. Oregon Health Authority – Firearm Injury Surveillance

Analyst: Tom MacDonald

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in the amount of \$525,000 over three years, for firearm injury surveillance.

Analysis: The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) requests retroactive approval to apply for the Firearm Injury Surveillance Through Emergency Rooms (FASTER) grant opportunity to track and report data on non-fatal firearm injuries. The objective of this work is to develop timelier, community-specific

data to improve responses to nonfatal firearm injuries, enhance prevention initiatives, and enable the tracking of long-term non-fatal firearm injury outcomes.

Consistent with federal requirements, OHA's Public Health Division proposes to use this funding to develop nonfatal firearm injury data reporting mechanisms for the agency's syndromic surveillance system, verify state and county quarterly reports on emergency department visits for nonfatal firearm injuries, and disseminate data to the CDC and key stakeholders. These activities will build upon the work of two similar grants awarded to OHA's Public Health Division in 2019 related to the surveillance of non-fatal suicide and non-fatal overdose outcomes. Existing agency staff will support the required grant activities.

The agency submitted timely notification of its intent to apply for this grant on June 25, 2020. At that time, the grant would fund up to \$450,000 over three years. Subsequent to the agency's submission of its grant application, the CDC informed the Public Health Division an additional \$75,000 was made available and approved the agency's grant application for a total of \$525,000 over three years.

27. Oregon Health Authority – Strengthening Environmental Health Program Capacity

Analyst: Tom MacDonald

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in the amount of up to \$3.2 million over five years, to prevent and mitigate environmental health hazards.

Analysis: The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) seeks retroactive approval to apply for a federal grant to strengthen the Public Health Division's environmental health program capacity. All successful grant applicants must use their awards to build capacity around the use of data to mitigate environmental hazards and evaluate the impact of environmental health interventions. OHA's grant application also requested funding for two optional components. The first component involves strengthening environmental health programs and services, which the Public Health Division plans to do in its Domestic Well Safety Program. The second focuses on addressing specific environmental hazards, which the agency would achieve by providing training and technical assistance to communities at risk of climate-related disasters, such as wildfires.

OHA submitted its notice of intent to apply for this grant on June 24, 2020, which was four days short of meeting the statutory 10-day notification requirement. The agency's letter cites the Public Health Division's focus on the COVID-19 pandemic as a contributing factor for the timing of the grant notification. The agency has since received federal approval for an award totaling \$2.5 million over five years. The Public Health Division will leverage existing staff to support all grant requirements except for the optional component related to addressing priority environmental health hazards. The agency plans on hiring an Operations and Policy Analyst 3 to carry out this work. The grant requires no state match or cost-sharing.

28. Oregon Health Authority – Emergency Behavioral Health Support

Analyst: Tom MacDonald

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA), in the amount of up to \$2 million over 16 months, to support mental health and substance use disorder services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Analysis: The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) requests retroactive approval to apply for competitive emergency federal funding for crisis intervention services, mental health and substance use disorder treatment, and related recovery services for children and adults impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. OHA provided notification of its intent to apply for this grant on April 8, 2020, but the statutory 10-day notification requirement was technically not met due to condensed timing regarding the federal announcement and application deadline. OHA has since learned SAMHSA did not approve the agency's application for funding. Eligible applicants included state governments, federally recognized tribes, tribal organizations, and U.S. territories; not all state governments received an award under this opportunity.

29. Oregon Health Authority – Emergency Response for Suicide Prevention

Analyst: Tom MacDonald

Request: Approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Services, in the amount of \$800,000 over 16 months, to help prevent suicide and suicide attempts among adults during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Analysis: The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) requests retroactive approval to apply for a federal grant to advance suicide prevention efforts among adults age 25 and older, with a focus on individuals who are at high risk of experiencing domestic violence during the COVID-19 pandemic. OHA applied for this grant by the May 22, 2020 federal deadline and subsequently received approval for \$800,000 for the 16-month grant period beginning July 31, 2020. The agency will use this funding to support direct services through domestic violence service providers across the state. OHA will provide this support to up to 10 service providers selected through a request-for-proposal process. Funding will also be used to train peer advocates who serve domestic violence victims through the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. The grant requires no state match or cost-sharing and the agency will use existing staff to support grant activities.

30. Oregon Health Authority – Drinking Water System Improvement

Analyst: Tom MacDonald

Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in the amount of \$556,000, for improvements to the drinking water system serving the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Analysis: The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) requests approval to apply for a formula-based grant from the EPA to address contaminants in drinking water systems and help these systems comply with federal Safe Drinking Water Act requirements. The grant application is due September 30, 2020 and eligible projects must provide a 45% state match, which can be satisfied through cash or in-kind support. All states will receive funding and Oregon’s federal distribution has been announced at \$556,000.

Eligibility for drinking water systems projects to receive funding is limited to those serving communities that meet the federal definition of underserved, small, and disadvantaged. The 45% match requirement further limits the ability to identify eligible projects. OHA partnered with the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) and identified the drinking water system serving the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs as the only known system eligible for federal funding and able to satisfy the 45% match requirement. However, OHA’s grant application request letter indicates the timing of the federal application process did not provide sufficient opportunity to publish a solicitation to potentially identify other eligible projects, which the agency intends to do if additional grant funding is made available.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs is able to satisfy the 45% match requirement, which amounts to \$455,000, by leveraging a portion of the \$3.6 million General Fund allocation approved by the Emergency Board at its meeting on July 14, 2020 for water system improvements for the Confederated Tribes. This funding is eligible to match the federal grant without changing the planned use of the Emergency Board allocation. The additional \$556,000 in federal EPA funding will complement the existing funding available for infrastructure needs by updating the water system’s automated instrumentation, monitoring, and telemetry systems, which will reduce the need for manual operational support. While OHA’s Public Health Division is applying for the federal grant through its Drinking Water Services program, all funds awarded will be passed through to OBDD to support the on-going Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs infrastructure project.

35. Oregon Youth Authority – Justice System Enhancements

Analyst: Julie Neburka

Request: Approve, retroactively, application for a three-year grant of \$500,000 from the Juvenile Justice System Enhancements grant program through the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Programs.

Analysis: On February 25, 2020 the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Programs (OJJDP) made \$5.0 million available nationwide through its Juvenile Justice System Enhancements grant program. This grant program supports states, tribes, or local governments to develop, implement, and test innovative and research-based responses to crime and other public safety challenges. In April 2020, after timely ten-day notification to the Legislature, the Oregon Youth Authority applied for \$500,000 to expand restorative justice programming in its youth correctional facilities. The grant requires a 50% cash or in-kind match, which the agency plans to meet with in-kind resources in its current budget. Grants are anticipated to be awarded by October 1, 2020. If awarded, the agency will not require additional Federal Funds expenditure limitation in the current biennium.

38. Department of Public Safety Standards and Training – State Fire Training

Analyst: Julie Neburka

Request: Approve, retroactively, application for a one-year grant of \$20,000 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s State Fire Training Systems grant program.

Analysis: On June 8, 2020 the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Fire Administration made \$1.0 million available nationwide through its State Fire Training Systems grant program. This grant program funds fire training programs that have a national focus, to supplement state-offered fire training. On July 15, 2020, after timely ten-day notification to the Legislature, the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training applied for \$20,000 to deliver National Fire Academy-endorsed classes to firefighters throughout the state. Grant awards are expected to be announced in September 2020. This grant does not have a match requirement. The agency received notice of its award of \$20,000 on September 11, 2020 and will return to the Legislature at a later date to request additional Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the 2019-21 biennium.

39. Criminal Justice Commission – Prison Rape Elimination Act Standards

Analyst: Julie Neburka

Request: Approve, retroactively, application for a two-year grant of \$118,543 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance’s *Implementing PREA Standards, Protecting Inmates, and Safeguarding Communities* grant program.

Analysis: On February 14, 2020 the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance made \$4.5 million available nationwide through its *Implementing PREA Standards, Protecting Inmates, and Safeguarding Communities* grant program. This grant program supports compliance with Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards by funding correctional facilities and the agencies that oversee them to prevent, identify, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment in correctional facilities. On April 14, 2020, after timely ten-day notification to the Legislature, the Criminal Justice Commission applied for \$118,543 to support a joint Department of Corrections/Oregon Youth Authority demonstration project titled “Adults in Custody, Resident, and Employee Sexual Abuse and Retaliation Reporting: Training, Awareness, and Tracking.” This project will involve updating training and awareness materials for both agencies, updating the DOC’s offender management systems to allow better tracking of incidents of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, and streamlining OYA’s reporting mechanisms. This grant has a 50% in-kind match requirement which the agencies can meet within their current budgets; the Criminal Justice Commission will require no additional resources for management of the grant. Grant awards are expected to be announced in October 2020. If awarded, the agency may return to the Legislature to request additional Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the 2019-21 biennium.

Legislative Fiscal Office Recommendation

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends that the Emergency Board approve these requests, en bloc, with the understanding that, if the funds are awarded, the agencies may return to the Legislative Assembly for approval of any necessary additional Federal Funds or Federal Funds as Other Funds expenditure limitation and position authority.



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RE: Retroactive Request to apply, Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Grant: HHS-2020-ACF-ACYF-SR-1849

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of Request

The Department of Human Services (DHS) submitted a ten-day letter as required on May 15, 2020. DHS requests permission to apply for the Sexual Risk Avoidance education Grant (SRAE) through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children Youth and Families (ACYF) Families and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (CFDA): 93.060 provides the deadline for the administrative portion of the grant was May 26, 2020. The SRAE grant was originally announced March 27, 2020.

The SRAE grant, if awarded, will fund the implementation of an 8th grade sexuality education curriculum for three years: 2020, 2021, 2022. The SRAE Grant would fund staffing, training, curriculum development, and materials.

If awarded, DHS is seeking permission to receive federal grant funds estimated between \$300,000-\$450,000.

These are federal fiscal (FY) 2020 funds appropriated by ACYF as part of section 1110 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1310) and specifically by the appropriation for General Departmental Management for the Office of the Secretary under Division A, Title II of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act (2020, Pub. L. No. 116-94).

The objectives of the funding are to:

1. Implement curricula that includes medically accurate information referenced in peer-reviewed publications by educational, scientific, governmental, or health organizations.
2. Select sexual risk avoidance curricula and/or strategies with an evidence-based approach to integrate research findings with practical implementation that align with the needs and desired outcomes of the targeted audience of youth.
3. Teach risk avoidance skills through methods that do not normalize teen sexual activity.
4. Target youth populations that are at risk for non-marital sexual activity and other risk behaviors.

The link to the Request for Proposals (RFA) for the administrative portion of the grant can be found here: <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=323188>

Background

Oregon's Health Education Standards require comprehensive sexuality education Kindergarten-12th grade. In 2017, school districts were surveyed to find out which had a comprehensive sex education plan of instruction in place. This data indicated that many school districts are out of compliance with state requirements. In addition, data indicates STI rates and teen dating violence are on the rise across Oregon. See Oregon resource map which indicate school district out of compliance and rates of teen dating violence and sexually transmitted infections across the state:

<http://geo.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=4bf3974813d4436793660897cb923311>

The Department of Human Services Self Sufficiency - Youth Services Program has successfully implemented the My Future-My Choice program across Oregon since 2009. began receiving SRAE funding to implement this program starting in 2016 and has been notified of continued funding through 2021. My Future-My Choice is a peer education curriculum that meets Oregon Health Education Standards for the 6th grade and serves an average of 10,000-12,000 students annually.

The additional SRAE funding, if awarded, would support implementing Advocates for Youth curriculum 3Rs (Rights Respect Responsibility) in the 8th grade to continue supporting schools meet Oregon's sexual health requirements for middle school. If awarded, the grant will also fund one full time Limited Duration (LD) staff within DHS (Program Analyst 2). In addition, mini grants will be awarded statewide to fund local

coordinator positions through each contracted entity. Funding will also support curriculum adaptations to meet Oregon's Health Education Standards, the development of a peer education component, training and curriculum materials.

Agency Action

If awarded, the Department of Human Services Self Sufficiency - Youth Services Programs will provide SRAE programming via the 3Rs curriculum statewide beginning October 1, 2020 and the two subsequent school years (2021 and 2022). DHS will work with key partners to identify and address higher need areas with elevated rates of teen dating violence and sexually transmitted infections in a diversity of communities statewide.

To this end DHS will:

- Partner with the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to promote funding opportunity and curriculum availability in districts in need of additional support with their Plan of Instruction.
- Partner with the Oregon Health Authority to identify areas with elevated rates of teen dating violence and sexually transmitted infections to promote this funding opportunity and curriculum availability.
- Partner with the My Future-My Choice Advisory Group made up of state agencies and partners to support adaptations and development of the 3Rs 8th grade curriculum to complement the MFMC Curriculum.
- Implement the 3Rs 8th grade curriculum ensuring high levels of program integrity, implementing cost efficient strategies for program administration.
- Award sub-grants across Oregon to support local coordination of the 3Rs 8th grade curriculum with adaptations.

Action Requested

The Department of Human Services, Office of Self-Sufficiency requests retroactive permission to apply and, if awarded, accept the Sexual Risk Avoidance Education grant being offered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children, Youth and Families (ACYF). DHS requests permission to apply for an estimated \$300,000-\$450,000 Federal Funds for program implementation. If necessary, DHS will return at a future emergency board meeting for additional limitation and LD position authority. LD positions authority and related limitations may also be requested in 2021-23.

This grant has not been awarded yet, DHS anticipates finding out at the end of September.

State Legislation Affected

No legislative changes are required to implement this program, if funded.

For additional information please contact Bill Baney, My Future-My Choice Program Manager at (503) 508-2039 or william.baney@ODHSoha.state.or.us.

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RE: Retroactive request to apply, Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer for Children (Summer EBT) Grant

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of Request

The Department of Human Services (DHS) requests permission to apply for the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer for Children (Summer EBT) Grant through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Services (FNS). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (CFDA): 10.579 provides the deadline for the administrative portion of the grant is May 6, 2020. The food benefit portion of the grant is due by May 13, 2020. The Summer EBT grant was originally announced March 6, 2020. However, given the current health pandemic, FNS has adjusted the grant deadlines originally due in April. DHS has submitted a timely application for the grant.

FNS indicates that the awards for this grant will be announced by November 2020.

The Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (Summer EBT) Grant, will fund food benefits for children for three summers: 2020, 2021 and 2022. The Summer EBT Grant is composed of two parts: a food benefits portion that funds food benefits for children and an administrative portion that funds staffing and needed supplies.

If awarded, DHS is also seeking permission to receive federal grant funds estimated at \$77,506,142.

These are federal fiscal (FY) 2020 funds appropriated by USDA as part of the FY 2010 Agriculture Appropriations Act (P.L. 111-80). The purpose of this funding is to demonstrate and evaluate methods of reducing or preventing food insecurity and

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hunger among children in the summer months. The goal of the current grant opportunity is to demonstrate how Summer EBT can best be deployed as a complement to other Federal, State, and local efforts to feed needy children in the summer and operated in a way that makes efficient use of taxpayer dollars.

Background

A report analyzing data from evaluations of the Summer EBT demonstration program confirms that Summer EBT reduces food insecurity among children and is a powerful tool in fighting child hunger¹.

The Department of Human Services has successfully implemented a Summer EBT demonstration in seven of the eight years since the demonstration program has existed. In FY 2019, Oregon did not receive this grant because one of the main criteria established by the Food and Nutrition Service was to prioritize states that had not implemented a Summer EBT demonstration program in 2018. This year, priority is given to states who did not receive the Summer EBT grant in FY 2019.

The Summer EBT grant, if awarded will fund benefits for eligible children at \$30 per month per child up to \$90 for three consecutive summers beginning in 2020. If awarded, the grant will also fund 23 full time Limited Duration (LD) staff in ODHS during the summer months: one project manager (Operations and Policy Analyst 3); one project coordinator (Operations and Policy Analyst 2); 14 program technicians (Human Service Specialist 3); and seven clerical staff (Human Services Specialist 1).

Agency Action

The Department of Human Services will enter into a cooperative agreement with the Food and Nutrition Services to operate the Summer EBT program statewide as the lead agency beginning in June 2020 and the two subsequent summers (2021 and 2022). DHS will work with key partners to address the nutritional needs of low-income children in Oregon during the summer in a diversity of communities statewide. To this end DHS will:

- Partner with the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and hunger advocacy organizations to implement a complementary statewide strategy to serve eligible children through the Summer EBT program in 2020-2022.
- Coordinate with ODE to identify children participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or approved to receive free or reduced-price

¹ U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, 2016. Found at this link: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/pressrelease/2016/fns-000816>

school meals during the school year immediately preceding each summer in which benefits are issued.

- Partner with ODE and hunger advocacy organizations to promote the Summer EBT program to ensure all identified eligible children participate in Summer EBT.
- Coordinate with ODE to provide superior customer services for participating children and their households.
- Implement the Summer EBT program ensuring high levels of program integrity, implementing cost efficient strategies for program administration and avoiding improper payments.
- Issue \$30 per child per summer month (\$90 total) to eligible households for three summers.

Action Requested

The Department of Human Services, Office of Self-Sufficiency requests retroactive permission to apply and accept the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer for Children grant being offered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Services. DHS requests permission to apply for an estimated \$74,017,710 Federal Funds for food benefits and an estimated \$3,488,432 in Federal administrative funds. If necessary, DHS will return to a future emergency board meeting for additional limitation and LD position authority. LD position authority and related limitations may also be requested in 2021-23.

State Legislation Affected

No legislative changes are required to implement this program.

For additional information please contact Heather J. Miles, SNAP, CSFP & TEFAP Program Manager at (503) 302-1063.

Sincerely,



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RE: Retroactive Request to apply, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Process and Technology Improvement Grant – 10 Day Letter submitted June 3, 2020.

Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of Request

The Department of Human Services (DHS) requests permission to apply for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Process and Technology Improvement Grant (PTIG) through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Services (FNS). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (CFDA): 10.580 provides the deadline for the grant which was submitted before the June 15, 2020 deadline. The PTIG grant was originally announced April 15, 2020. As of this date the federal government has not awarded the grant. ODHS hopes to hear in October of 2020.

The FY 2020 Process and Technology Improvement Grant (PTIG), if awarded, will be a three-year grant that allows DHS to work with community partner agencies to make improvements in SNAP operations and processes for SNAP participants.

If awarded, DHS is also seeking permission to receive federal grant funds between \$20,000 and \$2,000,000, based on FNS anticipated funding for states through this grant. These are federal funds appropriated by the USDA as part of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (Public Law 116-94), Section 11(t), as amended, Grants for Simplified Application and Eligibility Determination Systems and Improved Access to Benefits. The goal of PTIG is to support efforts by State agencies and their partners to develop and implement projects that focus on improving the quality and efficiency of SNAP operations and processes.

The link to the Request for Proposals (RFA) for this grant can be found here:
<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=USDA-FNS-SNAP-PTIG-FY2020>

Background

The Department of Human Services applied and was awarded a SNAP PTIG grant in 2014 to expand Employment and Training Services in three geographic locations. The project served 752 people in the Klamath Tribes, Lane, Jackson, Klamath and Lake counties combined. A listing of nationwide projects funded under this grant in previous years can be found at this link:

<https://fnsprod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/media/file/FY19-PTIG-Award-Summaries.pdf>

For FY 2020, FNS is prioritizing projects that focus on at least one of the following funding priorities:

1. Increase the use of human-centered design in SNAP applications and notices;
2. Improve preparedness for public health emergency and pandemic response;
3. Improve SNAP customer service responsiveness and effectiveness

FNS is also prioritizing projects that take advantage of existing or create new public-private partnerships to increase food security in a cost-efficient and accountable manner.

Agency Action

If awarded, DHS will enter into a cooperative agreement with FNS to carry out a three-year project to improve quality and efficiency of SNAP operations and processes beginning in Fall 2020 through September 30, 2023. To this end ODHS will:

- Work with key hunger advocacy and community organizations to design a project that focuses on one or more of the identified priorities.
- Focus on improving operations and processes for communities who have historically been underserved or are known to be at risk of hunger.
- Utilize funding to make improvements in SNAP operations and processes for SNAP beneficiaries.

Action Requested

DHS, Office of Self-Sufficiency requests retroactive permission to apply and, if awarded, accept the Process and Technology Improvement Grant being offered by the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service. ODHS requests permission to apply for up to \$2,000,000 in

Federal Funds for improvements in SNAP operations and processes for SNAP beneficiaries.

State Legislation Affected

No legislative changes are required to implement this program, if funded. Additionally, there is no cost sharing or matching required for this grant. If necessary, DHS will return with a Limitation Request at a future time.

For additional information please contact Heather J. Miles, SNAP, CSFP & TEFAP Program Manager at (503) 302-1063.

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RE: Retroactive Request Letter for Kinship Navigator Program Funding ACYF-CB-PI-20-05

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of the Request

On March 18, 2020, the Department of Human Services (DHS) per ORS 291.375 requested permission to apply for the Kinship Navigator Program Funding being offered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau. Program Instructions ACYF-CB-PI-20-05 released this opportunity on February 28, 2020. Request for funding was submitted to the Regional federal office by April 3, 2020.

The purpose of the funding is for one-time funding to support the development, enhancement or evaluation of kinship navigator programs. This is for the upcoming federal fiscal year (FFY) 2020 funds, provided by P.L.116-94, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2020, enacted December 20, 2019.

There is no state match requirement for this grant.

Background

The Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA), enacted as part of Public Law (P.L.) 115-123, amended the Social Security Act (the Act) to allow title IV-E agencies to receive funding for kinship navigator programs that meet certain criteria.

The Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau (ACYF-CB) provided a one-time grant opportunity in FFY 2018 and a second opportunity in FFY 2019. The intent of this start up grant is to ensure Kinship Navigator programs are

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designed, developed and implemented in an Evidence Based Practice model. Unfortunately, the rigorous criteria that has been outlined in federal regulations has not been achieved by any state, tribe or territory thus far. In the first 18 months of evaluation none of the pre-existing models reviewed have been approved.

As a result, ACYF-CB has decided to provide an additional one-year grant opportunity for states, tribes, and territories for FFY 2020. The federal office has used an allocation methodology based on Title IV-B funding to states and Oregon is eligible to receive up to \$289,913.

The long-term intent of ACYF-CB is for states to use Title IV-E funds and access the 50 percent state match opportunity to support whatever Kinship navigator program is developed after the one-time grants run out. The Department fully anticipates moving in this direction but is awaiting federal approval on a final model design that is approved and eligible for the IV-E match opportunities.

Department Action

Oregon has taken the opportunity afforded by the federal regulations in the design of the Oregon Kinship Navigator program model by moving the service upstream to provide for families caring for their kin well before Child Welfare intervention becomes necessary. Oregon families can currently access information, resources and support without ever entering a state public agency or contacting public officials. The Department has contracted with Greater Oregon Behavioral Health who have a statewide footprint in service delivery and a significant understanding and strategies to serve rural Oregon. The initial model was launched February 2020.

In this design and outreach to families the Department can truly provide a “prevention” model well before public system intervention is needed. The design has been built as a (virtual) Basic Service Center with the intent to add on additional components when need and sustainable funding is determined. Additional components will be activities such as Peer to Peer consultation, in-person support groups, advocacy, specialized training and delivered with a statewide reach and through the consultation with relatives as to the need. Thus far, the biggest need being identified by inquiries is the need for legal support which unfortunately is not service available through the Navigator program.

This Kinship Navigator prevention model also allows for a new conversation within the Department to review how best we collectively are serving these families across the Department through; Child Welfare Relative Caregiver programs, Self Sufficiency Non-

Needy Relative program, Seniors & People with Disabilities Family Caregiver Program and the Office of Development Disabilities who too have children residing with relatives. The Department has been taking a very intentional and calculated approach as the federal office attempts to define an evidence-based model. Starting small and building out as need and sustainable funding is determined.

Oregon Kinship Navigator

- Year 1 – Learning, asking relatives what they need and how they want to access the information. (10/2018 – 9/2019)
- Year II – Start-up and implementation with Community organization. (10/2019 – 9/2020)
- Year III – Sustainability (funding, programming), Evaluation, build out additional components. (10/2020 – 9/2021)

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The Department is currently developing this program, reporting to the federal office as required and providing Contract Administration within existing resources. We do not anticipate a request for staff allocation with this grant application.

Action Requested

The Department of Human Services requests retroactive permission to apply for the Kinship Navigator Program Funding being offered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau.

The Department Received an award letter with the incorrect CFDA number for the grant. They are in process of correcting this issue and submitting a new award letter soon. The award should be \$292,085.

State Legislation Affected

None

For additional information please contact Rebecca Jones Gaston, DHS Child Welfare Director 503- 945-6637.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ELM', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Re: Retroactive request to apply for the Aging and Disability Resource Center/No Wrong Door System Funding Critical Relief Funds for COVID-19 Pandemic Response HHS-2020-ACL-CIP-NWIG-0431 grant

Dear Co-Chairs:

This is to alert you that the Department of Human Services (DHS), Aging and People with Disabilities Program seeks retroactive approval from the Emergency Board to apply for the grant entitled “Aging and Disability Resource Center Critical Relief Funds for COVID-19 Pandemic Response” for federal funds up to \$750,000 over a 12-month period. DHS received this grant April 29th, 2020 for the full \$750,000.

The funding is available through the Administration on Community Living. The request for application was received April 8, 2020 and the application was due on April 15, 2020. This prevented timely submission of the ten-day letter by one day. This grant requires no state matching funds. Additionally, we will utilize existing positions to implement the grant; no new positions are needed.

The Department of Human Services will use the funds to:

- Facilitate virtual management of ADRC access functions.
- Provide strategies for mitigation of social isolation through proactive information and referral and options counseling services.
- Develop and enhance innovative approaches to ADRC service delivery.
- Market ADRC services to support consumers affected by COVID-19.

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Public inquiries into the Aging and Disability Resource infrastructure has grown exponentially during the COVID-19 crisis. These funds will help the ADRC network effectively communicate with information and referral and options counseling services during this emergency.

If you have any questions, please call Michael McCormick at 503-945-6229 or via email at mike.r.mccormick@dhsos.state.or.us.

Sincerely,



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Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Public Health Division is submitting this letter to request retroactive approval to apply for the Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program funding opportunity from the U.S. Department of Justice. OHA learned of the funding opportunity on March 6, 2020 and the application was due on May 5, 2020. OHA submitted its 10-day notification letter requesting permission to apply on April 23, 2020.

This new funding opportunity will increase Oregon's ability to enhance the existing Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), support program evaluation efforts, and aid in the development of evidence-based best practices.

The grant would fund up to \$2,000,000 over three years, beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2023. This grant funding requires no matching funds nor are there requirements for maintenance of effort.

Agency Action

The Oregon Legislature established the state's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) in 2011 to promote and improve patient safety and clinical outcomes, and to reduce the cost of care and the opioid epidemic in Oregon. This program is statutorily mandated to collect information on all controlled substances dispensed in Oregon and make them available to providers to use in clinical decision making.

Harold Rogers grant funds are not intended to support general program operations for state PDMPs. Rather, these funds are being offered to improve PDMP quality

assurance processes, provide detailed surveillance information regarding stimulant prescribing, and support a contract to evaluate PDMP electronic health record integration and interstate data sharing.

OHA will use the funds from the Harold Rogers grant to 1) evaluate the impact of previous system improvements—including integration of the PDMP within electronic health records in Oregon’s health systems and interstate data sharing—upon prescribing of Schedule II-IV controlled substances; 2) evaluate the emerging stimulant prescribing trends to guide public health practice; and 3) streamline internal PDMP data quality assurance practices through standardizing use of quality assurance tools and collaborating with the Board of Pharmacy on educating pharmacies.

Action Requested

The OHA Public Health Division requests retroactive approval to apply to the U.S. Department of Justice Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program grant.

Legislation Affected

None.

For additional information, please contact Kim Waite, Injury Prevention Data Systems Manager, at (971) 673-0131.

Sincerely,



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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Public Health Division is submitting this letter to request retroactive approval to apply for a federal funding opportunity from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), for the Zero Suicide in Health Systems grant. This new funding opportunity will increase Oregon's ability to prevent suicides among people 25 years of age and older.

OHA learned of the grant opportunity on February 6, 2020, and the application was due March 30, 2020. OHA submitted its 10-day notification letter requesting permission to apply on March 12, 2020. The grant requires no state matching funds and does not have a federal requirement for maintenance of effort.

SAMHSA awarded OHA the grant on July 21, 2020. The award is for \$700,000 per year for five years. The budget period is August 31, 2020 through August 30, 2021.

Agency Action

The Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention program sits in the OHA Public Health Division, Injury and Violence Prevention Section. The program works with state agencies, healthcare partners, and local communities to achieve sustainable policy, systems and environmental change to reduce the burden of suicide deaths and impact for all Oregonians.

Suicide is a leading cause of death in Oregon, and rates of death by suicide in Oregon have been higher than the national average for 40 years. The rate of suicide among Oregonians has increased 35 percent since 2000. Despite significant and long-standing prevention, intervention and postvention efforts by public health and clinical delivery systems, the rate of death by suicide among Oregonians continues to increase. Although rates are increasing most quickly among youth in Oregon, suicides among adults over age 25 accounted for 87 percent of suicide deaths from 2013 through 2017. Those at highest risk include older men; veterans; Native Americans; lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people; and those residing in rural areas.

Decades of research have confirmed that suicide is preventable. Health systems play a key role in suicide prevention and can have a significant positive impact, especially given that 83 percent of people who die by suicide received health services in the year prior to death and 50 percent made a medical visit within four weeks of their death. The evidence-based Zero Suicide health system initiative provides an aspirational challenge and practical framework for system-wide transformation toward safer suicide care. This model supports improvement in seven key elements: leadership, provider training, identification of those at risk, engagement of community systems, effective treatment, smooth care transitions, and systematic tracking of improvements. Implementation in the Detroit-based Henry Ford Health System demonstrated a 75 percent reduction in the suicide rate among their health plan members. Centerstone, one of the nation's largest not-for-profit Community Mental Health Centers, saw a reduction in suicide deaths from 35 per 100,000 to 13 per 100,000 after implementing Zero Suicide for three years.

Efforts are underway in Oregon to develop suicide-safer systems of care by implementing the Zero Suicide model. Supported by Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Youth Suicide Prevention grant funding, more than 20 health systems have begun this work, with a focus on preventing youth suicide. One year after implementing Zero Suicide, systems had made significant increases in suicide safe care including improvements in training staff to support patients at-risk of suicide, support for patients as they transition between systems of care, and establishment of infrastructure and leadership support of the Zero Suicide initiative. Specific examples include:

- Surveying of nonclinical and clinical staff of current comfort and knowledge to support a patient at risk of suicide to determine training plan.
- Improvements to Electronic Health Record system for required tracking of screening and assessment procedures

- Training of clinical staff on evidence-based suicide risk assessment, management and treatment modalities
- Development of a suicide care management plan for patients identified at-risk of suicide
- Embedding Zero Suicide into healthcare organization's strategies plan
- Development of lethal means reduction patient education materials

This SAMHSA Zero Suicide funding opportunity will sustain and enhance Zero Suicide implementation efforts in Oregon, broaden them to ensure equitable suicide prevention statewide, and enable health systems to ensure that suicide prevention is consistently effective across the lifespan. Funding will build upon and continue Zero Suicide implementation in Oregon by:

- Providing grants to health systems to support implementation of Zero Suicide with a focus on adult suicide prevention;
- Evaluating and spreading local successes in community-wide suicide prevention systems development; and
- Sustaining an ongoing community of practice for health systems in all stages of Zero Suicide implementation.

Public Health will work with existing partners who have a demonstrated history of commitment to this work, including health systems, local public health and mental health agencies, the Oregon Alliance to Prevent Suicide, Lines for Life, and the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems. Work under this grant will also enable Public Health to form or enhance partnerships with agencies that serve elders, veterans, and other populations at high risk for suicide, including the Veterans Administration; Department of Human Services, Aging and People with Disabilities; and Area Agencies on Aging.

Public Health will need one new permanent position—an Operations and Policy Analyst 3—to coordinate grant activities, administer related contracts, provide training and technical assistance to health systems and their community partner organizations and agencies, and coordinate a statewide community of practice for Zero Suicide implementation.

Action Requested

The OHA Public Health Division requests retroactive approval to apply for the Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health

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Services Administration (SAMHSA), for the Zero Suicide in Health Systems grant. The agency will work with the Department of Administrative Services and the Legislative Fiscal Office on meeting its need for position authority and budget limitation for program implementation.

Legislation Affected

None.

For additional information, please call Laura Chisholm, Injury and Violence Prevention Section Manager, at (971) 673-0987.

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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Public Health Division is submitting this letter to request retroactive approval to apply for the Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Public Health Programs to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias funding opportunity from the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. OHA learned of the funding opportunity on March 26, 2020, and the application was due May 26, 2020. OHA submitted its 10-day notification letter requesting permission to apply on April 23, 2020.

The BOLD Public Health Programs to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias program is intended to support planning and development of systematic public health approaches to improve health outcomes relating to Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. This cooperative agreement would fund up to \$1,500,000 over three years. The division would receive up to \$500,000 per year beginning September 30, 2020 and ending September 29, 2023.

The cooperative agreement requires 30 percent state matching funds, which can be met with Tobacco Use Reduction Account funds that support existing Tobacco Prevention and Education Program infrastructure. There is no federal requirement for maintenance of effort. If the agency's application is successful, OHA will also request one full-time Program Analyst 3 position to support the work of this cooperative agreement.

Agency Action

In Oregon, an estimated 69,000 adults aged 65 or older have Alzheimer's disease or related dementias. This number is expected to increase to 84,000 by 2025. In 2018, Alzheimer's disease ranked 5th in the top causes of death among adult Oregonians. Chronic conditions such as Alzheimer's disease and cognitive brain decline place enormous burden on families and caregivers. The costs to Oregonians associated with this chronic disease burden is substantial, and results in negative health outcomes among caregivers, increased health care costs and lost productivity among employers. Oregon spends significant resources on care for and support of people living with Alzheimer's and related dementias and their families; in fact, the annual cost to Medicaid alone is approximately \$244 million.

This opportunity builds on previous OHA efforts to prevent and manage chronic diseases through the prevention of risk factors and improve the conditions for Oregonians to live healthier lives across the lifespan as part of the 2015-2019 State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP). The grant supports OHA efforts to align with and achieve new SHIP Behavioral Health Priority goals, specifically strategies focused on substance misuse, including tobacco and alcohol. The grant opportunity will promote Public Health's efforts to:

- Better understand the needs of people experiencing subjective cognitive decline and dementia and their caregivers by sustaining and expanding data availability.
- Address healthy aging across the lifespan for all Oregonians by leveraging existing public health chronic disease prevention infrastructure and strengthening partnerships.
- Build awareness of the risk factors contributing to cognitive decline including lack of physical activity, poor nutrition, tobacco use and excessive alcohol use;
- Increase awareness among health systems and providers of the importance of consistent early onset screening and development of treatment plans for addressing cognitive decline.

If awarded funds, OHA will work with new and existing partners who have a demonstrated history of commitment to this work, including the Oregon Alzheimer's Association, the Oregon Department of Human Services Aging and People with Disabilities Program, the American Association of Retired People, Portland State University's Institute on

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Aging, Areas Agencies on Aging (AAA), and the Aging and Disability Resource Connection of Oregon (ADRC).

Action Requested

The Oregon Health Authority Public Health Division requests retroactive approval to apply for the BOLD Public Health Programs to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias cooperative agreement.

Legislation Affected

None.

For additional information, please call Tim Noe, Center for Prevention & Health Promotion Administrator, at (503) 381-4973.

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Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Public Health Division is submitting this letter to request retroactive approval to apply for the Comprehensive Suicide Prevention funding opportunity from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). OHA learned of this funding opportunity March 30, 2020, and the application was due on May 26, 2020. OHA submitted its 10-day notification letter requesting permission to apply on May 1, 2020.

The Comprehensive Suicide Prevention funding would increase Oregon's ability to prevent suicides across the lifespan using a public health approach addressing both youth suicide and adult suicide.

The cooperative agreement would fund up to \$3,500,000 over five years. The division would receive up to \$700,000 per year beginning September 1, 2020, through August 31, 2025. This cooperative agreement requires no state matching funds and does not have a federal requirement for maintenance of effort. These funds could replace General Fund currently used for the Adult Suicide Prevention Coordinator position (Operations and Policy Analyst 3), allocated by the 2019 Legislature in policy package #802. The cost savings would be for the duration of the grant, which is five years.

Agency Action

The Oregon Health Authority's Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Postvention initiative works with state agencies, organizations, and local communities to achieve sustainable policy, systems and environmental change to reduce the burden

of suicide deaths and impact for all Oregonians. Suicide is a leading cause of death in Oregon, and rates of death by suicide in Oregon have been higher than the national average for 40 years. The rate of suicide among Oregonians has increased 35 percent since 2000. Despite significant and long-standing prevention, intervention and postvention efforts, the rate of death by suicide among Oregonians continues to increase. Those at highest risk include older men; veterans; Native Americans; lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people; and those residing in rural areas.

Decades of research have confirmed suicide is preventable. OHA has prioritized suicide prevention in its Public Health Strategic Plan and State Health Improvement Plan since 2015. OHA's youth suicide prevention efforts are currently addressed through the SAMHSA Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Youth Suicide Prevention grant and through the OHA Health Systems Division's implementation of the Oregon's Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Plan (YSIPP). The YSIPP is supported with General Fund allocated by the 2019 Legislature in policy package #802. OHA applied for and was recently awarded funding from the SAMHSA Zero Suicide in Health Systems grant. This grant will make it possible to begin to address adult suicide by funding portions of the planned Adult Suicide Intervention and Prevention Plan (ASIPP), related to implementation of the Zero Suicide model for health systems quality improvement.

This CDC Comprehensive Suicide Prevention funding opportunity would create an "umbrella" of planning, implementation and evaluation to ensure connection between OHA's youth- and adult-focused suicide prevention work supported by federal and state funding and support a full lifespan approach for Oregon. The grant would provide funding to implement and evaluate components of the Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Plan and Adult Suicide Intervention and Prevention Plan based on the CDC's compendium of best available evidence. The Public Health Division would serve as fiscal lead but the work would be jointly staffed by the existing Adult Suicide Prevention Coordinator position in the OHA Health Systems Division.

OHA would collaborate with existing partners who have a demonstrated history of commitment to this work, including local public health and mental health agencies, the Oregon Alliance to Prevent Suicide, and Lines for Life. Work under this grant would also enable Public Health to form or enhance partnerships with agencies that serve populations at high risk for suicide.

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The Honorable Representative Tina Kotek
September 4, 2020
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Action Requested

The OHA Public Health Division requests retroactive approval to apply for the CDC Comprehensive Suicide Prevention grant. If OHA is awarded the grant, the agency will work with the Department of Administrative Services and the Legislative Fiscal Office on meeting its Federal Funds expenditure limitation needs for program implementation.

Legislation Affected

None.

For additional information, please contact Laura Chisholm, Injury and Violence Prevention Section Manager, at (971) 673-0987.

Sincerely,



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Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Public Health Division is submitting this letter to request retroactive approval to apply for the Firearm Injury Surveillance Through Emergency Rooms (FASTER) funding opportunity through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). OHA learned of the grant opportunity on May 19, 2020, and the application was due July 8, 2020. OHA submitted its 10-day notification letter requesting permission to apply on June 25, 2020.

This new funding opportunity will increase Oregon's ability to track and report timely, aggregate data on non-fatal firearm injuries. It will also identify people and communities at risk; enable stakeholders to use this data to take meaningful action to prevent nonfatal firearm injuries; and mitigate the impact of nonfatal firearm injuries upon families and communities in Oregon.

Originally, this grant would fund up to \$450,000 over three years. Public Health would receive up to \$150,000 per year beginning September 1, 2020, and ending August 31, 2023. On August 17, 2020, the CDC grant specialist contacted Public Health to inquire if Oregon would apply for an additional \$75,000 for year one. Public Health did apply for those additional grant dollars. The total award would be \$525,000 for three years with \$225,000 for year one and \$150,000 for each of the following two years. The grant requires no state matching funds and does not have a federal requirement for maintenance of effort.

Agency Action

The Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention program sits in the OHA Public Health Division, Injury and Violence Prevention Section. The Injury and Violence Prevention Program (IVPP) gathers and analyzes data on unintentional and intentional injuries in Oregon. Tracking these data enables the program to determine the magnitude of fatal and non-fatal injuries in Oregon, monitor trends, identify priority areas, complete data requests, and to guide program development and policy initiatives. Major programs include the Oregon Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Youth Suicide Prevention Program and the Oregon Violent Death Reporting System (ORVDRS). ORVDRS combines mortality data from death certificates with circumstance information from medical examiner and law enforcement reports to provide in-depth information about homicides and suicides in Oregon, including those involving firearms. ORVDRS provides data for the Oregon Violent Death Data Dashboard, which visually represents data and trends in firearm deaths by county, age group, firearm type, and several other factors. The Youth Suicide Prevention program has supported development of ongoing clinician education on culturally responsive suicide risk screening and safety interventions for rural firearm owners experiencing crisis. IVPP also contributed to the development of the OHA Public Health Division's firearm safety web page. However, most public health efforts related to firearm injury to date have focused on surveillance and prevention of mortality, especially due to intentional self-injury (i.e., suicide).

FASTER grant funding will enable Oregon to develop capacity to put data to action to prevent nonfatal firearm injuries. More timely, community-specific data will identify injury hot spots, inform a more rapid response to changes in nonfatal firearm injuries, enable tracking of long-term outcomes for people who experience firearm injuries, and better position state- and community-level public health, primary care, and stakeholders to implement more effective injury prevention initiatives. The FASTER grant will build upon and share staff with work supported by two related competitive grants awarded to OHA in 2019. These projects are developing ESSENCE syndromic surveillance system data capacity for tracking and acting upon data on non-fatal suicide related outcomes (Emergency Department Surveillance of Nonfatal Suicide Related Outcomes/ED-SNSRO) and non-fatal overdoses (Overdose Data to Action/OD2A).

The OHA mission is to help people and communities achieve optimum physical, mental and social well-being through partnerships, prevention and access to quality, affordable health care. This funding opportunity supports the OHA

mission by supporting community- and state-level initiatives to prevent nonfatal firearm injuries. This opportunity is aligned with the State Health Improvement Plan values of equity and the Behavioral Health and Adversity, Trauma and Toxic Stress priority areas, and with the Oregon Public Health Division Strategic Plan goal to promote healthy and resilient environments to improve quality of life.

Action Requested

The OHA Public Health Division requests retroactive approval to apply for the Firearm Injury Surveillance Through Emergency Rooms (FASTER) grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention if the state's application is successful.

Legislation Affected

None.

Thank you for considering this request. For additional information, please contact Laura Chisholm, Injury and Violence Prevention Section Manager, at (971) 673-0987.

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Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of the Emergency/Request

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Public Health Division is submitting this letter to request retroactive approval to apply for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) "Strengthening environmental health capacity to detect, prevent, and control environmental health hazards through data-driven, evidence-based approaches" funding opportunity. OHA learned of this funding opportunity March 24, 2020. Due to COVID-19, CDC did not hold a webinar on these funds until May 15, 2020, and extended the due date to June 30, 2020. OHA submitted its 10-day notification letter requesting permission to apply on June 24, 2020.

This grant has three components and would fund up to \$3,200,000 over five years beginning September 1, 2020 and ending August 31, 2025. The award ceiling is \$640,000 per year; and the average award is \$150,000 per year. This grant funding requires no state matching funds and does not have a federal requirement for maintenance of effort.

CDC awarded the grant and notified OHA on September 3, 2020. The award is for components A and C for \$490,000 for five years. The budget period is September 1, 2020, through August 31, 2021.

Agency Action

This new funding opportunity will help strengthen environmental health programs and practices by providing financial and technical resources to support data-driven decision making; identify and address environmental health hazards; and assess the effectiveness and impact of environmental health services and interventions. CDC

will use the outcomes of this work to identify and develop EH evidence-based practices.

This funding opportunity contains three separate components:

- Component A (required) – Build core capacity to use environmental health data;
- Component B (optional) – Strengthen the capacity of environmental health programs and services and;
- Component C (optional) – Enhance capacity to address emerging or priority environmental health hazards and issues.

Component A will build the capacity of the public health system to use environmental health information. OHA would develop guidance for local public health authorities, tribal health authorities and coordinated care organizations to incorporate data about environmental hazards, health outcomes and affected communities into community health assessments and community health improvement plans.

Component B, if awarded, would have continued and expanded federal funding for OHA's Domestic Well Safety Program, which manages Domestic Well Testing Act data, conducts periodic hazard assessments using these data and provides outreach, education and technical assistance to people in Oregon served by wells. Based on findings from recently completed domestic well user and service provider assessments, in addition to allowing the continued existence of a state domestic well program, the potential for increased funding under this new opportunity would have allowed the program to close identified gaps in domestic well information and resources.

Component C will significantly bolster capacity at the state and local level to identify and address emerging environmental health issues. This component would allow for funding, training and technical assistance to climate vulnerable communities and local health partners to build resilience to climate-related disasters like wildfire.

Existing staff will carry out the work for Components A. For grant implementation, Public Health would need an Operations and Policy Analyst 3 for Component C.

The OHA mission is to help people and communities achieve optimum physical, mental and social well-being through partnerships, prevention and access to quality, affordable health care. Environmental health has been identified as a foundational program for a modern public health system. This funding supports foundational environmental health work to prevent disease and injury, eliminate the disparate impact of environmental health risks and threats to population subgroups, and create health-supportive environments where everyone in Oregon can thrive.

Action Requested

The OHA Public Health Division requests retroactive approval to apply for and accept the CDC “Strengthening environmental health capacity to detect, prevent, and control environmental health hazards through data-driven, evidence-based approaches” funding opportunity. The agency will work with the Department of Administrative Services and the Legislative Fiscal Office on meeting its need for position authority and budget limitation for program implementation.

Legislation Affected

None.

Thank you for considering this request. For additional information, please contact André Ourso, Center for Protection Center Administrator, at (971) 673-0404.

Sincerely,



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Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is requesting retroactive approval to apply for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) Emergency COVID-19 grant. The purpose of this grant is to provide crisis intervention services, mental health and substance use disorder treatment, and other related recovery supports for children and adults impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Because of the acute funding need caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, SAMHSA shortened the application timeline. SAMHSA announced this grant opportunity on April 1, 2020 and set the application due date as April 10, 2020. OHA submitted its 10-day notification letter on April 8, 2020.

SAMHSA did not approve OHA's application for an award under this grant opportunity.

Agency Action

For its application, OHA consulted with provider stakeholder groups to identify needs of behavioral health providers and consumers to access telehealth. In addition, OHA analyzed data from federal sources to identify behavioral health access needs vs utilization across the state. The grant funds would have been distributed to behavioral health providers across the state with the help of Community Behavioral Health Programs to identify providers who are at highest need. Services for healthcare practitioners would have been available to all Oregon health providers for access. All the grant funds would have been used for direct services or to support direct services to providers and consumers across the state.

If awarded grant, OHA would have used the funding to:

1. Provide support and enhance telehealth expansion for behavioral health services across the state, especially in underserved regions.
2. Provide enhanced behavioral health services to healthcare practitioners who are impacted by COVID-19.
3. Provide community based behavioral health services to individuals with Serious Mental Illness by increasing access to providers.
4. Overall, to support the viability of behavioral health providers across the state.

Grant activities would have been performed by existing OHA staff in the Health Systems Division.

Action Requested

OHA requests approval to retroactive apply for the SAMHSA Emergency COVID-19 grant.

Legislation Affected

None.

Sincerely,



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Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of the Emergency/Request

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is requesting retroactive approval to apply for the COVID-19 Emergency Response for Suicide Prevention grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA). The purpose of this grant is to support states and communities during the COVID-19 pandemic in advancing efforts to prevent suicide and suicide attempts among adults age 25 and older in order to reduce the overall suicide rate. SAMHSA announced the grant opportunity on May 12, 2020. The application was due May 22, 2020. OHA submitted its 10-day notification letter on May 21, 2020.

SAMHSA issued the notice of award to OHA on July 20, 2020. The state will receive \$800,000 for the project period July 31, 2020, through November 30, 2021. The grant requires no state matching funds and does not have a federal requirement for maintenance and effort.

Agency Action

Funding will be provided for states, territories, and tribes to develop comprehensive systems to address these needs. The grant specifically addresses individuals who are at high risk of domestic violence during COVID-19. The Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence has been responding to COVID-19 through a weekly call with all domestic violence service providers. According to the coalition, COVID-19 has increased risks of domestic violence victims due to social distancing related isolation and has significantly increased suicide crisis risk. Mental health crisis is also more frequent among perpetrators of domestic violence, which further harms victims. This, in combination with lack of

hotel rooms and inability to take shelter with friends or family, is putting lives of domestic violence victims at risk in the COVID-19 world.

OHA will use the grant funds to provide necessary funding to domestic violence service providers across the state to support direct services to domestic violence victims that have been affected by COVID-19. This will include hiring peer advocates, funding hotel vouchers, and supporting safe houses. OHA will also use the funding to train peer advocates who serve domestic violence victims that get discharged from Emergency Departments through the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. DHS will provide suicide prevention and screening. At least 40 percent of the funding will be spent on direct services to maximize impact of the grant and its objectives. Remaining funds will be used to train peers and this building on workforce skills, which will last long term.

Grant activities will be performed by existing OHA staff in the Health Systems Division.

Action Requested

OHA requests permission to retroactive approval to apply for the SAMHSA Emergency COVID-19 Response Suicide Prevention Grant.

Legislation Affected

None.

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Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Public Health Division is submitting this letter to request permission to apply for federal funding from the Assistance for Small and Disadvantaged Communities Drinking Water Grant Program administered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Section 1459A of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), as amended by the 2016 Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act and the 2018 America's Water Infrastructure Act, authorizes the EPA to award grants to states to assist underserved, small and disadvantaged communities that are unable to finance activities needed to comply with the SDWA, as well as, respond to a drinking water contaminant.

The EPA is awarding funding based on an allocation formula similar to the Drinking Water Revolving fund. All 50 states and Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will receive funding. Oregon's formula-based allocation under this new grant program is \$556,000. A 45 percent state match is required. Business Oregon will provide \$455,000 state match. The grant application must be submitted by September 30, 2020. There will be no new positions funded by the grant.

Agency Action

The EPA provided grant guidance for this new program in the fall of 2019. The Public Health Division worked with our partners at Business Oregon to identify potentially eligible projects and sources of matching funds during the fall and into the spring of 2020. There was insufficient lead time to publish a solicitation of eligible projects, though, a solicitation is planned if the EPA awards subsequent grants. The only water system with an eligible project was the system serving the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Although this system is not under the

regulatory jurisdiction of the Public Health Division, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs is eligible for financial assistance under this grant program.

Originally, a portion of the \$7.8 million in Lottery Bond proceeds that the Legislature had earmarked in 2019 for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs infrastructure needs was intended as matching funds. In early 2020, COVID-19 response activities took precedence over all other agency work. Consequently, the agency did not submit a timely request for approval to apply for this grant. Another consequence of the pandemic was its impact of lottery ticket sales and bond revenue. After it was determined that lottery revenue was insufficient to support a bond sale for 2020 projects, including the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs project, the Legislature's Emergency Board at its July 14, 2020 meeting approved allocation of \$3.58 million in emergency funds to Business Oregon as an alternative means to support the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs infrastructure needs. Business Oregon will use \$455,000 of this funding to meet the 45 percent state match requirement for this grant. The entire amount of the grant will be passed through to Business Oregon to support the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs project.

Action Requested

The Public Health Division requests permission to apply for \$556,000 from Assistance for Small and Disadvantaged Communities Drinking Water Grant Program administered by the EPA.

Legislation Affected

None.

Sincerely,



Patrick M. Allen
Director

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September 3, 2020

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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Notice of the Request

Retroactive approval to apply for a federal grant from Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Programs (OJJDP).

Agency Action

In March of 2020, the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) became aware that the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Programs (OJJDP) was seeking applications for the Juvenile Justice System Enhancements program. This program supports efforts to enhance systems that address public safety, by holding offenders accountable and supporting the victims.

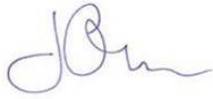
OYA is requesting to appear before the September Emergency Board seeking retroactive approval to apply for this grant. This funding would assist in the expansion and evaluation of restorative justice programming within our Youth Correctional Facilities.

OYA is looking to expand our justice programming that is currently being piloted at Rogue Valley Youth Correctional Facility to the other eight facilities.

The grant award is up to \$500,000 and would be utilized over the 36-month period. The grant will require a 50% state match or a 50% in-kind equivalent match. OYA plan to fulfill the match requirement with in-kind services (25% from existing full-time equivalent (FTE) costs and 25% match from services and supply costs). OYA can meet the match requirement within our 19-21 Legislatively Approved Budget and anticipates meeting the balance of the match requirement in the third year of the grant within the 2021-23 biennial budget. The grant deadline was April 27th, 2020. If awarded the grant period would commence October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023. The anticipated award date is expected to be October 1, 2020.

The Oregon Youth Authority does not anticipate needing Federal Fund expenditure limitation if the grant is awarded. The agency intends to appear before the Emergency Board in September 2020 with a request for retroactive approval for this grant application.

Sincerely,

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Joe O'Leary
Director

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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of Request

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) requests retroactive approval to apply for a federal grant of up to \$20,000 from the 2020 State Fire Training Systems Grant Program under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Background

On June 8, 2020, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security opened the 2020 State Fire Training Grant Program. The department applied for the grant on July 15, 2020 and the application period closed on July 17, 2020.

The primary goal of the State Fire Training Grant Program is to promote the professional development of the fire and the emergency response community and its allied professionals and support State and local training organizations in fulfilling their obligation to career and volunteer fire and emergency services.

If DPSST is a successful recipient of this award, the agency would deliver a variety of National Fire Academy classes and National Fire Academy endorsed classes to career and volunteer firefighters around the state.

DPSST requested up to \$20,000, the maximum amount provided by the State Fire Training Systems Grant to State Training Academies.

Agency Action

DPSST submitted a federal grant application for up to \$20,000 from the 2020 State Fire Training Systems Grant Program on July 15, 2020. If the award is granted, DPSST will request up to \$20,000 in Federal Funds expenditure limitation at the next meeting of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means or Emergency Board.

Action Requested

DPSST requests retroactive approval to submit a grant application to the 2020 State Fire Training Systems Grant Program under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Sincerely,

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Eriks Gabliks
Director



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Re: PREA Grant Retroactive Approval to Apply

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

The Criminal Justice Commission requests retroactive approval to apply for the Implementing the PREA Standards, Protecting Inmates, and Safeguarding Communities grant in the amount of \$118,543.

In April for 2020, the Criminal Justice Commission submitted a 10 day notification letter requesting retroactive approval to apply for this grant.

What is the purpose of the grant and how would the agency implement it?

Support the Oregon Department of Corrections (ODOC) and the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) joint demonstration project identified as “Adults in Custody, Resident, and Employee Sexual Abuse and Retaliation Reporting; Training, Awareness and Tracking”. This project targets specific activities that will have the greatest impact on sexual safety at ODOC and OYA facilities such as:

- Both agencies will update PREA educational materials and increase staff training and awareness regarding transgender and intersex residents.
- ODOC plans to use the grant to fund critical updates to offender management systems for tracking vulnerable and aggressive inmates; allowing better tracking of incidents of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, assisting in monitoring for retaliation, transgender, and intersex inmates, incident reviews, and screening for risk of victimization and aggressiveness.
- OYA plans to use this grant to develop and streamline critical reporting mechanisms, such as an improved multi-lingual reporting hotline and increasing staff training awareness regarding transgender and intersex residents.

Action Requested:

Approve, retroactively, the Criminal Justice Commission’s request to apply for \$118,543 in funding through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

Legislation Affected

None

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

Kenneth Sanchagrin

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