



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST NOTICE OF INTENT

(Revised: 9/23/13)

APPROVED: MULTNOMAH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA # R.8 DATE 8/21/14
LYNDA GROW, BOARD CLERK

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Meeting Date: 8/21/14
Agenda Item #: R.8
Est. Start Time: 10:25 am
Date Submitted: 8/14/14

**NOTICE OF INTENT to Submit a grant application for \$612,261 from US
Agenda Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency
Title: Prevention**

Note: This APR is for NOI's only. APRs are available for other types of submittals. Title should not be more than 2 lines but be sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: Next available Time Needed: 10 minutes
Department: County Human Services Division: Domestic Violence
Contact(s): Annie Neal
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Annie Neal, Domestic Violence Coordination Office Program Manager, and Erin Fairchild, Defending Childhood Initiative Coordinator

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Multnomah County Department of County Human Services, Domestic Violence Coordination Office, requests board approval to submit an application for a \$612,261 grant from the US Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention. If awarded, this will extend the Defending Childhood Initiative's grant-funded activities through September 2017. Due to the short filing timelines for this grant, the department is requesting retroactive approval to apply. In the event that the board does not approve this request, the program will withdraw from consideration.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Multnomah County is one of eight sites funded by the US Department of Justice to participate in the Defending Childhood Initiative, a national demonstration project addressing children's exposure to violence. The initiative began in October 2010 with funding to conduct a community needs assessment related to children's exposure to violence. Since then, Multnomah County has received three subsequent grant awards

totaling \$2.27 million to improve local efforts to identify, prevent and respond to children's exposure to violence. The additional funding for this current application is available under OJDDP's FY14 State & Community Development Invited Grants opportunity. If awarded, funding will extend current activities and support planning to embed and sustain the policy, practice and program changes developed through the Defending Childhood Initiative.

The Defending Childhood Initiative's local goals include raising awareness of children's exposure to violence through public awareness and education; building capacity to recognize, respond to and mitigate the effects of violence for schools and child/family serving agencies; promoting collaboration and policy/practice changes; supporting evidence-based approaches to prevention, identification and intervention; and evaluating the effectiveness of these strategies. Activities proposed in this application include:

- 2.0 FTE program specialists in DCHS. These staff will provide enhanced training and workforce development for schools and child/family serving agencies, including the SUN Service System. This enhanced training will include expanded consultation, coaching and training. Staff will also work to embed knowledge, policy and practice changes and develop sustainability plans for grant-funded activities.
- 2.0 FTE Community Health Workers in the Health Department's STRYVE youth violence prevention program. The Defending Childhood/STRYVE collaboration addresses the needs of youth at high risk of exposure to violence and continues the Community Health Workers' roles in carrying out an effective, evidence-based youth violence prevention program.
- Primary prevention activities: Grant funds will support public awareness/outreach activities for the general public, as well as violence prevention/healthy relationships programming for students athletes at Portland Public Schools. The "Coaching Boys Into Men" student athlete program was piloted by Portland Public Schools in the 2013-2014 academic year and will be expanded to additional school sites.
- Innovative services for children and families experiencing violence: Grant funds will extend two current pilot projects that promote innovative, collaborative services to support children and families who have experienced violence. A contracted community-based mental health organization provides mental health consultation and capacity-building for domestic violence providers and evidence based intervention for families. A contracted domestic violence provider focuses on increasing capacity in early childhood services to recognize and respond to domestic violence. New grant funds will extend these pilot projects with an emphasis on consultation, training, policy/practice changes and program development to embed these innovative strategies within existing services.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

Grant funds will increase by \$109,000 in FY15. The remaining funds will be used to support staff and services through September 30, 2017.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

None.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

Activities are based on a community needs assessment completed in 2011 with extensive community input, and further developed throughout the initiative with stakeholder input. Given the very short turnaround needed to meet the deadline for this application, additional community input was not gathered.

Grant Application/Notice of Intent

If the request is a Grant Application or Notice of Intent, please answer all of the following in detail:

- **Who is the granting agency?**

US Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention.

- **Specify grant (matching, reporting and other) requirements and goals.**

This grant does not require matching funds. Semi-annual reports are required; because this is a continuation application, it does not add any new reporting requirements. The overall goal of OJJDP's Defending Childhood Initiative is to reduce children's exposure to violence and improve outcomes for those who have been exposed.

- **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?**

This is a one-time grant opportunity.

- **What are the estimated filing timelines?**

The grant application is due Tuesday, August 12, 2014.

- **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**

October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017.

- **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**

This funding will support staff time for Defending Childhood Initiative staff and contracted service providers to identify ways to sustain services and embed enhanced capacity to identify and respond to children's exposure to violence within existing programs.

- **Is 100% of the central and departmental indirect recovered? If not, please explain why.**

Central and departmental indirect costs are recovered. Indirect for the Health Department's personnel costs is based on the FY15 Health Department indirect cost allocation rate; indirect for all other grant expenses is based on the FY15 Department of County Human Services indirect cost allocation rate.

Required Signatures

**Elected Official
or Department/
Agency Director:**

KaRin Johnson/s/

Date: 08-14-14

Budget Analyst: Jennifer Unruh /s/

Date: 8/14/14

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