



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST NOTICE OF INTENT

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Meeting Date: 050516
Agenda Item #: R.4
Est. Start Time: 11:05 am
Date Submitted: 4/22/16

Agenda NOTICE OF INTENT to apply for an Oregon Department of Human Services Title: TANF Grant

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: 05/05/2016 Time Needed: 5 min
Department: County Human Services Division: Multnomah Idea Lab (MIL)
Contact(s): Mary Li
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A Notice of Intent is required to obtain approval from the Board of County Commissioners to ensure a competitive grant proposal is in alignment with the County's mission; to receive an indication from the Board of its willingness to commit the necessary County resources to support the grant. A Budget Modification is required to appropriate funds received from a successful grant proposal.

Notice of Intent Specific Information

Department recommendation for consent agenda placement (*must meet all criteria*):

- Proposal is under \$500,000/ year.
- Proposal does not require cash match as part of the budget.
- Proposal does not commit County to on-going programming following award.
- Proposal adheres to the County's indirect guidelines.
- Proposal is within the Department's strategic direction.
- Proposal does not have policy and/or legal implications that warrant a public dialog.

☐ To the best of my knowledge, this proposal adheres to all of the above criteria and may be placed on the Board of County Commissioner's Consent Agenda. I understand the proposal can be moved to the regular Board Agenda for any reason by Commissioners or their staff.

☒ To the best of my knowledge, this proposal does not meet criteria for placement on the Consent Agenda and should be placed on the Regular Agenda.

Please complete for any NOI:

Granting Agency	Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS)
Proposal due date	3/18/16
Grant period	1 year, with renewal up to 5 years
Approximate level of funding by year	Request is approximately \$1.2 million/year
Program Offer(s) potentially impacted	N/A
How do you expect to spend the majority of funds? (check all that apply)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personnel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sub-contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Capital (including equipment)
Does grant require match? If so, describe type (cash, FTE, etc) and %	No

1. Brief overview of grant's purpose and/or impact.

The purpose of the DHS grant is to encourage collaborative efforts to assist TANF families or low-income families at risk for entering the TANF program, in removing barriers to economic and family stability, prevent entry or reentry into TANF, and to promote employment retention. DHS is seeking solutions that are innovative, collaborative, and measurable.

Last year, DHS managed a disproportionately high number of TANF basic caseloads statewide. While traditional case management systems have been used with mixed results to enhance self-sufficiency, the DCHS grant proposal seeks an innovative approach to help families exit poverty and drive toward self-sufficiency.

Rooted in the principles of the nationally recognized Family Independence Initiative (FII), DCHS proposes to advance methods for low-income families to organize into peer groups, re-ignite resource sharing, provide mutual support, shift control to families and provide peer role modeling. The initiative focuses on family strengths and models organic self-sufficiency processes historically seen in immigrant and indigenous communities.

The following three guiding principles create the foundation for the proposed model:

- 1) Low-income families will respond to the monetary benefits we currently provide middle- and upper-income families;
- 2) Natural helping networks can be undermined by introducing program professionals before they are truly needed; and,
- 3) Low-income families want and need choices.

Structured with an integrated cloud-based monthly reporting system, the initiative will provide valuable information to help DHS to better meet the resource and support needs of our most vulnerable families.

2. Brief overview of how proposal is aligned with Department's strategic direction.

DCHS is the main provider of services and solutions for families in poverty, homeless youth and families, survivors of domestic violence, seniors, adults with disabilities, veterans, people with developmental disabilities and school-based services for children and families. In particular, the Community Services Division forms the base of its work designed to assist homeless and low-income households reach self-sufficiency.

3. Describe any community and/or government input considered in planning for this grant.

Planning for this grant included information and feedback from the partners listed below and additional telephone conversations with Family Independence Initiative (FII), the proposed model for the grant-funded initiative. Ultimately, if funded, all grant activities will include feedback from participants to ensure success.

4. What partners may be included in program activities?

The following partners are included in program activities as in-kind supports to connect grant participating families to existing services and supports.

- Oregon Department of Human Services
- Healthy Birth Initiative
- Innovative Changes
- SUN Service System
- Multnomah Stability Initiative

5. Generally, what are the grant's reporting requirements?

Based upon contract negotiations, tracking of outcomes, financial reporting through invoicing payments, and any other reporting requirements are required.

Please complete for NOIs on the Regular Board Agenda ONLY:

6. When the grant expires, will your Department continue to fund the program? If so, how?

The initial grant term is one year, with potential to extend to five years. As a new program for the County, DCHS plans to test, adapt and iterate implementation. If funded, feedback and information from participants will shape and inform any decisions to seek long-term sustainable funding.

7. Are 100% of the central and departmental indirect costs recovered? If not, please explain.

Yes

8. If the proposal is not aligned with your Department's strategic direction, explain why you are pursuing it at this time.

N/A

9. If the grant requires a cash match, how will you meet that requirement?

N/A

10. Are there policy issues and/or legal implications related to this proposal that may warrant a public dialog? If so, please explain.

No

Required Signatures

Elected Official
or Department/
Agency Director: _____ Liesl Wendt /s/ _____ Date: 04/19/2016

Budget Analyst: _____ Adam Brown /s/ _____ Date: 04/20/2016

Note: Please submit electronically. We are no longer using actual signatures. Insert names of your approvers followed by /s/. Please insert date approved