



**MULTNOMAH COUNTY  
AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST  
NOTICE OF INTENT**

(Revised: 8/18/11)

APPROVED: MULTNOMAH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA # R-3 DATE 3/14/13  
MARINA BAKER, ASST BOARD CLERK

**Board Clerk Use Only**

Meeting Date: 3/14/13  
Agenda Item #: R.3  
Est. Start Time: 9:40 am  
Date Submitted: 2/26/13

**Agenda** NOTICE OF INTENT to submit an application for up to \$750,000 to the  
**Title:** Department of Housing and Urban Development

*Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.*

**Requested Meeting Date:** 3/14/2013 **Time Needed:** 5 min  
**Department:** Health **Division:** Community Health Services – Environmental Health  
**Contact(s):** Marc Harris and Kim Tierney  
**Phone:** 503-988-3663 **Ext.** 29778; 22850 **I/O Address:** 160/9; 231/3/350  
**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** Marc Harris, Health Services Development Administrator; Kim Tierney, Healthy Homes and Families Program Supervisor

**General Information**

**1. What action are you requesting from the Board?**

Authorization for the Director of the Health Department to submit an application for up to \$750,000 to the Department of Housing and Urban Development Healthy Homes Technical Studies Program.

**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.**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Healthy Homes Technical Studies (HHTS) program aims to improve HUD's and the public's knowledge of housing-related health and safety hazards, and to improve or develop new hazard assessment and control methods, with a focus on key residential health and safety hazards. HUD is especially interested in projects which will advance our knowledge on key healthy homes issues by addressing important gaps in the science related to the accurate and efficient identification of hazards and cost effective hazard mitigation.

The overall goals and objectives of the Healthy Homes Program are to: (1) Mobilize public and private resources, involving cooperation among all levels of government, the private sector, grassroots community-based organizations, including faith-based organizations, and other non-profit organizations, to develop and implement the most promising, cost-effective methods for identifying and controlling housing-related hazards; and, (2) Build local capacity to operate sustainable programs.

To meet the goals and objectives of the HUD Healthy Homes Program, Multnomah County Health Department Environmental Health Services (EHS) is proposing a technical study focused on low income households occupied by persons over age 55 and persons who identify as having a disability. EHS will partner with the City of Portland Housing Bureau (PHB), REACH Community Development, and Multnomah County Weatherization to perform a study to evaluate the impacts of standardized education on hazards in the home and client knowledge/behavior, enabling the partners to discern the most effective and impactful way to provide and coordinate local health and housing services. This partnership will further enable local coordination of healthy housing services and leverages rehabilitation funding from PHB/REACH and Weatherization (e.g., monies for capital repairs) so that grant funds can be allocated to research staff, a community health worker, and housing inspector. The project extends current relationships between the partners by focusing standardized education on aging and disability communities. Main outcomes and outputs of the project include disseminating educational tools and research findings that will lead to a better understanding of how to best coordinate health and housing services to decrease hazards in the home and improve client knowledge, behavior, and health.

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

This grant will provide the Health Department up to \$750,000 for 36 months.

**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.**

The project includes partnerships with Multnomah County Department of County Human Services Weatherization and Aging and Disability Services programs; the City of Portland Housing Bureau; and REACH Community Development. Also, the project will engage members of the local aging and disability communities to participate in project design.

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**Grant Application/Notice of Intent**

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

- **Who is the granting agency?**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development

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

The goal of the grant is to improve existing methods for detecting and controlling key housing-related health and safety hazards; to develop new methods to detect and control these hazards; and to improve our knowledge of key housing-related health and safety hazards. There are no matching requirements. Quarterly reports are required throughout the project period; a final report is also required.

- **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?**  
This is a one time only commitment for a three year project period.
- **What are the estimated filing timelines?**  
The application is due by 03/19/2013
- **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**  
09/1/2013-08/31/2016
- **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**  
The research project will be completed upon expiration. However, partners will examine findings and determine appropriate next steps for future coordination.
- **Is 100% of the central and departmental indirect recovered? If not, please explain why.**  
Yes.

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### Required Signatures

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

KaRin Johnson for

**Date: 02-26-13**

*Lillian Shirley*

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(signature)

**Name/Title:**

**Budget Analyst:**

Althea Gregory /s/  
(signature)

**Date: 2/26/13**

**Name/Title:**