



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

(Revised: 8/18/11)

APPROVED: MULTNOMAH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA # C. 3 DATE 4/18/13  
LYNDA GROW, BOARD CLERK

**Board Clerk Use Only**

Meeting Date: 4/18/13  
Agenda Item #: C.3  
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am  
Date Submitted: 4/9/13

**Agenda Title:** NOTICE OF INTENT to submit an application for up to \$25,000 from  
March of Dimes Greater Oregon Chapter Community Grant Program

*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:** April 17, 2013 **Time Needed:** N/A, Consent Only

**Department:** Health **Division:** Maternal and Child Health – Healthy Birth Initiative

**Contact(s):** Rachael Banks; Laurel Bentley

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**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** N/A; Consent Agenda Only

**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 \$25,000 from March of Dimes Greater Oregon Chapter Community Grant 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 March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality. Founded in 1938, the March of Dimes funds programs of research, community services, education, and advocacy to save babies. The Greater Oregon Chapter Community Grants Program is designed to invest in priority projects that further the March of Dimes mission, support national campaign objectives, and further the strategic goal of reducing disparities in birth outcomes. Funding priorities include: 1) Providing or enhancing preconception health

education and/or services, 2) Providing or enhancing risk reduction education and/or services, 3) Enhancing care through the Centering Pregnancy model of group prenatal care, 4) Increasing pregnant women's participation in state or local maternal child health programs, and 5) Enhancing the availability, quality, and utilization of genetics services and/or other patient services related to preventable birth defects.

MCHD's proposed continuation project will continue to address Funding Priority 2: *Providing or enhancing risk reduction education and/or services*. March of Dimes funding will enable the Multnomah County Health Department Healthy Birth Initiative (HBI) to continue to provide African American women with essential risk reduction services to support the long-term impact of improved birth outcomes for this community. Research has shown that stress, depression, domestic violence, and negative coping mechanisms such as smoking, drugs, alcohol, and poor eating habits, and can lead to higher rates of premature birth and low-birth weight babies, and that African American women within our community experience higher rates of these negative birth outcomes than White, non-Hispanic women. Specifically, March of Dimes funding will support the provision of "Seeking Safety" sessions. Seeking Safety is a culturally appropriate, evidence-based practice with a curriculum that effectively addresses 25 topics including trauma, post-traumatic stress disorders, substance abuse, and related behaviors. In addition to the Seeking Safety Sessions, grant-funded services will also provide individual sessions to participants who demonstrate immediate needs for mental health support while the HBI case managers work to access appropriate, on-going mental health services for the client. These risk reduction services will continue to improve the health of African American women, contributing to the reduction of premature births and low-birth weight babies in our community.

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

If funded, this grant will provide up to \$25,000 for a 12-month grant period spanning May 2013 through April 2014.

**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.**

None.

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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 granting agency is the March of Dimes Foundation's Greater Oregon Chapter.

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

The overall goal of the grant is to reduce disparities in premature birth and other adverse birth outcomes. No matching costs are required. Award recipients commit to submitting a minimum of two written progress and expenditure reports.

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

This grant is a one-time funding opportunity.

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

The application is due April 24, 2013.

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

The grant covers a period of approximately May 2013 through April 2014.

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

With sustained March of Dimes funding, HBI staff will continue to evaluate the impact of the Seeking Safety sessions, and if the project achieves the anticipated outcomes, HBI will advocate for incorporating the program into its ongoing federal Healthy Start grant during its next competitive renewal cycle in 2014.

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

100% of indirect costs are covered for grant awards of \$25,000 or more. If the final award offer is less than \$25,000, indirect costs may not be funded with grant monies, per March of Dimes granting guidelines.

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### **Required Signatures**

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

KaRin Johnson for

**04-09-13**

*Lillian Shirley*

**Date:**

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(signature)

**Name/Title:**

**Budget Analyst:**

Althea Gregory

**Date: 4/9/13**

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(signature)

**Name/Title:**