

Facilities, and Adult Care Homes.

Context: Multnomah County is currently the only exempt county in Oregon with authority to administer its own licensing program for Adult Care Homes. Representing one third of the total Adult Care Homes in Oregon, Multnomah County has the highest concentration of ACHs in the state. When combined with our neighboring metro areas, the total number of ACH facilities represents over half of all licensed homes in the state serving older adults and people with disabilities and covers residents with the most acute needs, licensing approximately 4,500 beds in over 900 facilities with roughly 3,000 caregivers.

Need: Medication management is an essential component of services provided in ACHs. The benefits of modern medications are improving the quality of life and improving health outcomes for many people but also pose enhanced risk for toxicity, adverse drug reactions, adverse drug events, over dose, drug interactions, and other negative outcomes that pose a constant threat to anyone taking medications. This is especially problematic for older adults who often take multiple prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

Within Multnomah County, the majority of sanctions for ACH facilities are attributed to medication mismanagement. ACH Licensed Operators and Resident Managers only complete a two hour module within their required training series dedicated to medication management. More importantly, hired caregivers receive no formal training on the subject, enhancing the risk of medication mismanagement.

Purpose of Funding: Recognizing a widening gap between staff training requirements and the growing medication needs of ACH residents, we propose developing and implementing an extended medication management training and technical assistance for three primary audiences: hired ACH Caregivers; ACH Licensed Operators/Resident Managers; and ACH Licensors.

By the end of the grant, the following deliverables will be complete:

- Medication management curriculum developed for all three audiences
- Online training created based on curriculum
- Technical assistance tools and guidelines developed to ensure continued medication management between Licensor visits
- Training and technical assistance pilot-tested with regional ACH sample
- Program evaluation completed
- Skilled workforce to adequately manage residential medication needs

Funding will support a full-time Program Specialist for grant coordination and oversight, the creation of curriculum and online training modules, development of ongoing technical assistance tools to support and sustain operational medical management protocols, clinical technical assistance and expertise, and program evaluation.

As one of the first counties to pioneer Adult Care Homes, Multnomah County is positioned to be an innovator in the field of ensuring quality care for our aging population. The growing number of older adults unable to manage their medication and the existing gap in sufficient training makes proper medication management vitally important to ensure a thriving aging population.

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

This grant will provide a total of \$500,000 state funding for two years, pending negotiations if awarded.

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

N/A

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

Given the elevated acute care needs and large concentration of ACH facilities across the Portland metro area, the grant proposes a regional partnership. As the lead applicant, we will manage and coordinate all grant deliverables to ensure adequate training to meet the growing needs of residents transitioning from acute and residential facilities in the region. The grant also proposes partnerships with clinical experts, university evaluators, ACH Licensed Professionals, ACH Caregivers, ACH Licensors, key community stakeholders and industry experts.

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?**

Oregon Department of Human Services

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

No matching required. If funded, a contract with DHS will be executed with detailed terms and conditions and a final report is required.

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

This is a one-time funding grant term. However, the RFP states that DHS reserves the right to extend any grant awarded. Once developed, the training curriculum will be sustained beyond the grant term, limiting the funding need for continuation. In addition, the proposal aims to provide recommendations for sustaining and institutionalizing the training. As such, potentially adopted organizational and systems changes will inherently exist beyond the grant term.

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

The grant application deadline is August 13, 2015.

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

October 2015 – September 2017, pending final negotiations with DHS.

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

This is a competitive grant, with no guarantee of continued funding. Contracted services will end unless additional funding is extended.

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

Central and Departmental indirect costs are allowed, pending final DHS negotiations.

Required Signatures

Elected Official or Department/ Agency Director: Liesl Wendt /s/ **Date:** 07/22/2015

Budget Analyst: Allegra Willhite /s/ **Date:** 07/22/2015