



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

(Revised: 9/23/13)

*postponed  
to the May 15, 2014  
regular Board meeting*

**Board Clerk Use Only**

Meeting Date: 5/8/14  
 Agenda Item #: R.7  
 Est. Start Time: 9:45 am  
 Date Submitted: 4/21/14

**Agenda Title: NOTICE OF INTENT to submit an application for up to \$500,000 per year for three years to the National Institute of Health**

*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:** May 8, 2014 **Time Needed:** 5 min.

**Department:** Health **Division:** Director's Office – Program Design and Evaluation Services

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**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** Marc Harris, Health Services Development Administrator; Julia Dilley, Senior Research Scientist

**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 \$500,000 per year for three years to the National Institutes of Health Public Health Impact of the Changing Policy/Legal Environment for Marijuana 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 National Institutes of Health (NIH) Public Health Impact of the Changing Policy/Legal Environment for Marijuana grant program encourages research on the impact of changing marijuana policies and laws on public health outcomes, including marijuana exposure among children, adolescents, and adults; other licit and illicit drug use; education and professional achievement; social development; risky behaviors (e.g., drugged driving); mental health; HIV, etc.

The Health Department's Program Design and Evaluation Services (PDES) unit is proposing to assess how legalization of marijuana in Washington State is associated with a variety of public health and social outcomes, using the state of Oregon as a comparison group.

The Specific Aims of the study are:

- (1) To identify whether legalization of recreational marijuana is associated with changing patterns of consumption among adults and youth, and predictors of uptake among youth (such as marijuana-related attitudes and beliefs);
- (2) To determine whether legalization of recreational marijuana is associated with changes in marijuana use-related consequences including youth educational outcomes, traffic crashes, hospitalizations, emergency department visits, addictions treatment, poison center calls (human and animal), arrests and incarcerations;
- (3) To describe data associated with the administrative system regulating recreational marijuana use, including retailer licenses and density in communities, sales, compliance activities and revenue;
- (4) To describe the economic benefits and costs associated with legalization of recreational marijuana to the state overall, and for specific public systems that receive marijuana generated revenue and may be affected by marijuana-related outcomes (such as substance abuse treatment, education and healthcare).

For each of these Aims, PDES will examine the impact among priority populations, such as people in poverty and communities of color, and observed effects in specific association with patterns of alcohol use. We will also describe differential patterns of impact that may be associated with local legal actions.

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

This grant will provide the Health Department with up to \$500,000 per year for three years to support research. The funding will be used for:

- Partial salary and personnel costs for six PDES staff who will provide the leadership and analytic support for the study, including two on-call staff.
- Consultant costs for Dr. Roger Rofmann, a nationally-known expert on marijuana policy and impacts.
- A subcontract with Looking Glass Analytics to extend their existing GIS database that focuses on alcohol and tobacco in Washington State so that it also includes marijuana licensing and enforcement activities.
- A subcontract with Seattle/King County Health Department to support a project that tracks and maps local marijuana-related policies in Washington State.
- Costs to acquire surveillance and administrative datasets for the study from agencies in both Washington and Oregon.
- Travel and meeting costs, including travel between Washington and Oregon for study staff, quarterly meeting costs for a study advisory group, and three annual meetings of a "data workgroup" with Department of Health staff in the state of Colorado who are studying similar impacts.

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

The research study will explore marijuana legalization in Washington, using Oregon as a comparison state, and can help inform policymakers about the public health impacts of marijuana legalization in both Washington and Oregon. Policies to deregulate marijuana have been proposed in the state of Oregon during recent years, and media stories suggest that more will be proposed in the near future.

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

This study will be implemented in partnership with multiple agencies in the States of Oregon and Washington. These partners will provide data, may participate in the study advisory group or provide review of findings, and assist with dissemination of findings. Partners include:

- The Department of Human Services Public Health Division in Oregon
- Department of Social & Health Services and Department of Health in Washington
- Departments of Corrections in both states
- Poison Control Centers in both states
- Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs and multiple Oregon law enforcement partners
- Washington State Office of the Attorney General
- Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction
- State of Colorado, Department of Public Health and Environment
- Washington State Institute of Public Policy
- University of Washington, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute.

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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 National Institutes of Health.
- **Specify grant (matching, reporting and other) requirements and goals.**  
The goal of this grant is to inform policy and health care practices related to marijuana. There is no required match. The reporting requirements include yearly reports
- **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?**  
This is a one time funding opportunity.
- **What are the estimated filing timelines?**  
The application is due June 5, 2014.
- **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**  
Funding covers a three year project period.
- **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**  
When the grant expires, the project will be complete and additional funding will not be required.
- **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  
Joanne Fuller/s/kvj **Date:** 04-21-2014

**Budget Analyst:** Althea Gregory /s/ **Date:** 4/21/14

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