



**MULTNOMAH COUNTY
AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST
NOTICE OF INTENT
(Revised: 9/23/13)**

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Meeting Date: 3/5/15
Agenda Item C.1
Est. Start 9:30 am
Date 2/18/15

Agenda Title: **NOTICE OF INTENT for Multnomah County Health Department to submit a grant for up to \$91,000 from the EPA for Environmental Education.**

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: March 5, 2015 **Time Needed:** NA – Consent Item
Department: Health **Division:** Environmental Health Services
Contact(s): Jade Dodge and Laurel Moses
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503-988-8648 **Ext.** N/A **I/O Address:** 231/3/350; 160/9
Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): NA – Consent Item

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approval for the Director of the Health Department to submit an application for up to \$91,000 to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Environmental Education Local Grants Program to support activities focused on "Addressing Climate Change and Improving Air Quality."

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.

Climate change and local air quality affects how residents live and breathe. Changes in the area's climate are likely to have substantial consequences for the health of Multnomah County residents and the way that the County and City governments serve the public. Individual and community health will be impacted by the immediate consequences of events like hotter summers as well as the indirect effects spurred by changing populations of plants, animals, and microorganisms. Many air toxics, such as diesel particulate matter

and ozone, have been well documented as affecting health. For example, breathing air containing ozone is associated with diminished lung function, increased asthma, and increases in premature mortality. The region already suffers from diminished air quality, with burdens falling disproportionately on certain communities, including communities of color and low income communities.

Multnomah County Health Department Environmental Health Services (MCHD EHS) aims to address these issues through the proposed EPA Environmental Education Local Air Quality Project. The project works to address these concerns by engaging, empowering and informing local communities. The project intends to engage community-based organizations (Wisdom of Elders, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, Neighbors for Clean Air, Friends of Trees, and Village Gardens) and will subcontract with these organizations to develop an air quality education curriculum that can be adapted to be culturally specific to our diverse local communities and then use this curriculum in a train-the-trainer model so that project partners can then provide Community Air Quality workshops in the community. Community members who participate in workshops will collectively identify solutions for their community to improve air quality – possible stewardship activities include: no-idling campaigns, hosting a Clean Air Fair, planting trees, and working to identify barriers to maintain them, etc.

MCHD EHS will employ a Community Health Worker (CHW) with past experience working in the local community on environmental health and air quality who will work with an MCHD Environmental Health Educator to design education/workshop materials, engage community leaders in a train-the-trainer model, and assist community leaders in leading workshops. The CHW and Health Educator will also work with MCHD Environmental Health Staff to propose a Multnomah County proclamation for Clean Air Week and will work with the Board of County Commissioners and their staff to identify an appropriate time for this event during the summer of 2016.

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

This is a one-time funding opportunity.

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.

Community organizations will participate as an advisory council for the development and dissemination of environmental education plans and workshops to ensure all education is culturally adaptive. Community members will then be recruited/invited to participate in workshops.

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?**

The Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Education (EPA).

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

The purpose of the Environmental Education Local Grants Program is to support locally-focused environmental education projects that increase public awareness and knowledge

about environmental issues and provide the skills that participants in its funded projects need to make informed environmental decisions and take responsible actions toward the environment.

MCHD is required to contract 25% of grant funds (approx \$25,000) to partner organizations in denominations of no larger than \$5,000 per grant. MCHD must also provide a 25% match, which will be through in-kind staff time for the purposes of this project.

Specific financial, technical, and other reporting requirements to measure the grant recipient's progress will be identified in the EPA grant award agreement. Grant recipients must submit periodic formal progress reports as instructed in award agreement.

- **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?**

Grant applications are due March 6, 2015.

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

The grant covers a project period from July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016.

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

When grant funds expire the project will be complete.

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

All central and indirect costs are recovered in this project.

Required Signatures

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

Wendy Lear on behalf of Joanne Fuller/s/ **Date:** 2/17/15

Budget Analyst: Wendy Lin-Kelly **Date:** 2/17/15

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