



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

(revised 08/02/10)

**Board Clerk Use Only**

**Meeting Date:** 2/17/11  
**Agenda Item #:** C-3  
**Est. Start Time:** 9:30 am  
**Date Submitted:** 2/9/11

**Agenda Title:** **NOTICE OF INTENT** to Submit a Proposal for up to \$20,000 to the March of Dimes Chapter Community Grants 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.*

<b>Requested Meeting Date:</b>	<u>2/17/2011</u>	<b>Amount of Time Needed:</b>	<u>N/A – Consent Item</u>
<b>Department:</b>	<u>Health</u>	<b>Division:</b>	<u>Healthy Birth Initiative</u>
<b>Contact(s):</b>	<u>Cornetta Smith, Nicole Hermanns</u>		
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<b>Presenter Name(s) &amp; Title(s):</b>	<u>N/A – Consent Item</u>		
		<b>I/O Address:</b>	<u>160/9</u>

**General Information**

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

Authorization to submit a proposal for up to \$20,000 to the March of Dimes to request one-time funding through their 2011 Chapter Community Grants 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 Multnomah County Health Department Healthy Birth Initiative (HBI) addresses significant disparities in perinatal health among African American women within a geographic project area in Multnomah County. The African American infant mortality rate in the project area for 2002-2004 was 11.1 deaths per 1,000 live births compared to 5.6 deaths per 1,000 live births for White, Non-Hispanics. Research shows that stress, depression, domestic violence, and negative coping mechanisms, such as alcohol/drug abuse and poor eating habits, can lead to higher rates of premature births 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. HBI clients often face several of these stressors in their daily lives. However, at this time, HBI does not offer any direct mental health services to its clients and does not have the resources to provide these essential services.

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March of Dimes funding will enable HBI to hire a part-time/on-call certified mental health consultant to provide culturally appropriate, “Seeking Safety” education sessions to African American women to address premature birth and low-birth weight risk factors such as stress, depression, domestic violence, and negative coping mechanisms, including smoking, drugs, alcohol, and poor eating habits. Seeking Safety is an evidence-based practice used to effectively address trauma, post-traumatic stress disorders, substance abuse, and related behaviors. In addition to the provision of Seeking Safety Sessions, the mental health consultant will be available to provide individual sessions to participants who demonstrate immediate needs for mental health support while case managers work to access appropriate, on-going mental health services for the client. The mental health consultant will also be available to consult with HBI case managers on client needs and referrals. These risk reduction services will 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).**

This grant will provide the HBI program with up to \$20,000 to implement the Seeking Safety classes, one-on-one mental health support sessions, and mental health referral process.

**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

## ATTACHMENT A

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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 March of Dimes is a national health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality.
- **Specify grant (matching, reporting and other) requirements and goals.**

The March of Dimes Greater Oregon Chapter Community Grants Program funds projects that support March of Dimes objectives and reduce disparities in birth outcomes. Grants range from \$10,000 to \$20,000 and are for a one-year project period. Matching contributions are not required. If awarded, two written progress and expenditure reports are required.
- **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?**

This is a one-time-only commitment with funding ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000 for a one-year project period. Projects may re-apply as many as two times.
- **What are the estimated filing timelines?**

The grant application is due February 21, 2011. Award notification will be in April 2011. The grant period will run from May 2011 through April 2012.
- **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**

The grant period covers 12 months and will run from May 2011 through April 2012.
- **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**

The project may re-apply to the March of Dimes Chapter Community Grants Program as many as two times. HBI and the Grant Development Team will also identify other applicable grant opportunities.
- **Is 100% of the central and departmental indirect recovered? If not, please explain why.**

No, the March of Dimes does not fund indirect costs when grants are less than \$25,000. Indirect costs will be covered through program income as an in-kind contribution.

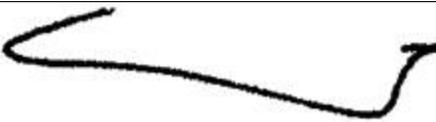
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### Required Signatures

Elected Official or  
Department/  
Agency Director:

*Lillian Shirley*

Date: 2-7-2011



02/08/2011

Budget Analyst:

Date: