



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST NOTICE OF INTENT

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

Agenda Title: **NOTICE OF INTENT** to Submit a Proposal for up to \$10,000 to the Oregon Adult Immunization Coalition Mini-Grants for Adult Immunization 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:	<u>February 17, 2011</u>	Amount of Time Needed:	<u>N/A – Consent Item</u>
Department:	<u>Health Dept.</u>	Division:	<u>Communicable Disease</u>
Contact(s):	<u>Jane O’Glasser, Nicole Hermanns</u>		
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):	<u>N/A – Consent Item</u>		
I/O Address:	<u>160/9</u>		

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Authorization to submit a proposal for up to \$10,000 to the Oregon Adult Immunization Coalition (OAIC) to request one-time funding through their 2011 Mini-grants for Adult Immunization 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 CDC reports that each year in the United States, 5-20% of the population is infected with flu, more than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications, and as many as 49,000 people die from flu (www.cdc.gov/flu). Health care workers have been identified as having a high risk of both contracting the virus and spreading it to patients in their care. Though the CDC recommends that all health care workers get an annual influenza vaccine, recent studies have shown that nationwide, fewer than half of all health care workers are vaccinated each year. As a result of these statistics, organizations such as the CDC and the Oregon Adult Immunization Coalition are encouraging health care providers to increase their staff immunization rates.

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For the past several years, Multnomah County Health Department (MCHD) has offered a voluntary flu vaccine program for its health care workers at no charge. After learning of the national data and the new efforts to increase health care worker vaccination rates, the Communicable Disease program began a campaign in 2007 to promote the flu vaccine among staff and to evaluate the rates of flu vaccination at MCHD. The results of the study found that 42% of employees, excluding on-call employees, were vaccinated during the 2007 flu season. When on-call employees were included in the analysis, vaccination rates dropped to 32% of employees. In response to the data, Communicable Disease staff applied for and were awarded a 2008 OAIC grant to develop a flu vaccination campaign to develop targeted educational and promotional materials with an overall goal of increasing MCHD staff vaccination rates by 10% during the 2008 flu season.

As a result of this campaign and continued efforts in 2009 in response to the H1N1 flue, the percentage of MCHD staff who received the influenza vaccine in 2010 was 79%. However, there are distinct components of the staff who continue not to opt to be vaccinated. These groups primarily include racial and ethnic minorities who may hold cultural beliefs that discourage their decision to vaccinate. The Communicable Disease program will use the requested funding from the OAIC to conduct focus groups with staff members who decline vaccination to determine the reasons behind their resistance to the influenza vaccine. The knowledge gained from these focus groups will aid MCHD in increasing cultural competency, providing culturally-appropriate vaccine education to staff. This work will also help to provide culturally-appropriate vaccine education to clients and communities within Multnomah County.

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

This grant will provide the Communicable Disease program with up to \$10,000 to cover the costs of focus groups to increase understanding of some staff members' resistance to influenza vaccination, and costs associated with materials for next year's flu campaign.

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

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 Oregon Adult Immunization Coalition (OAIC) is a statewide network of health and community partners that promotes prevention and control of vaccine-preventable disease through the immunization of adults in Oregon and Southwest Washington.

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

The OAIC Immunization Mini-Grants Project is intended to support adult immunization projects and activities, with a focus on health care workers. The maximum award amount is \$10,000. Applicants are encouraged to provide in-kind and/or matching support. Award funds must be dispersed by July 31, 2011. A final two-page summary of the project must be submitted by August 31, 2011.

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

This is a one time only commitment, with funding in the amount of up to \$10,000 for a five month project period. When the grant expires, the program will be over.

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

The grant application is due on February 7, 2011. Award notification and receipt of funds is scheduled for February 28, 2011. Due to timing of the decision to apply for these funds, the grant application was submitted before receiving Board Approval in order to meet the application deadline. If the NOI is not approved, Grant Development staff will contact the OAIC to withdraw its application.

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

The grant covers the five-month period of February 28, 2011 through July 31, 2011, at which time all grant funds must have been expended.

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

When the grant expires the program will be over. No additional funding will be required.

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

All indirect costs associated with the project will be covered with grant funds.

ATTACHMENT B

Required Signatures

Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:

KJ

01/31/2011

Date:

Lillian Shirley

02/08/2011



Budget Analyst:

Date: