



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST NOTICE OF INTENT

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Meeting Date: 8/2/12
Agenda Item #: R.2
Est. Start Time: 10:30am
Date Submitted: 7/17/12

Agenda Title: **NOTICE OF INTENT to apply for a "Partnerships to Demonstrate the Effectiveness of Supportive Housing for Families in the Child Welfare System" Grant**

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: August 2, 2012 **Time Needed:** 5 minutes
Department: DCHS **Division:** Community Services
Contact(s): Mary Li
Phone: 503-988-6295 **Ext.** 26787 **I/O Address:** _____
Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Mary Li, Manager, Community Services

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

This Notice of Intent requests Board approval to submit a \$5 million grant application to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. The application will be submitted in partnership with Home Forward, Oregon Department of Human Services - Child Welfare and Work Systems, Inc.

The grant application is due to be submitted by July 30, 2012. Due to short filing timelines, the department is requesting retroactive approval to apply. In the event that the board does not approve this request, the program will withdraw from consideration.

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.

This is a 5-year federal grant to assist high-need families in the foster care system with housing and related services. The grant offers funds to develop or expand triage procedures for subsets of families in the child welfare system who have severe housing or service needs, provides supportive housing services, provides customized case

management services include trauma-informed interventions and evidence-based mental health services and conducts evaluations of the outcomes of the grant. If awarded this grant would add \$ 1 million annually to program offer 25139C, Anti-Poverty Services – Action for Prosperity Family Reunification Project, for five years.

Oregon has an overrepresentation of African American and Native American children in the foster care system, many of whom could be reunited with their parents if adequate housing were secured. If awarded, the grant would allow Multnomah County and its current partners Home Forward, Oregon Department of Human Services – Child Welfare and Work Systems, Inc. to expand on its successful Family Reunification (FUP) and Action for Prosperity (AFP) programs. The FUP program is currently providing housing assistance and case management services to fifty families who come from groups that are overrepresented in the foster care system. AFP provides assertive engagement, employment training, and housing supports to assist families in moving towards prosperity. Initial evaluations of these programs have demonstrated a high level of success.

The grant provides an expansion to Action for Prosperity to serve an additional 50-100 families with assertive engagement, flexible services, workforce training, and rent assistance from Home Forward to continue to address overrepresentation in the child welfare system of Native American and African American families.

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

If awarded, the grant would provide the partnership with \$5 million over five years in additional funding to serve children and families overrepresented in the Child Welfare system. No County staffing will be added. Only indirect costs will be retained.

Grant funds will provide contracts for services and evaluation. An estimated \$300,000 would be contracted for Action for Prosperity services to County SUN Service System Anti-Poverty System of Care. \$300,000 will be contracted to Worksystems Inc. to provider workforce training products in the Worksource System. \$200,000 will provide trauma-informed services to program participants. \$200,000 will provide a professional evaluation of the project.

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

This grant supports the County's diversity and equity goals by assisting 50-100 African American and Native American families who would otherwise have children placed in foster care.

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

None

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?**

Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth & Families

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

- No match required
- Specified data collection and local evaluation
- Annual reporting to funder

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

One-time 5-year grant –\$1 million annually for five years. No match is required. A sustainability plan is required to maintain the system improvements made by the grant but not service levels during the grant period.

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

The grant application is due 7/30/12

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

October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2017

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

Program can be scaled to accommodate reduced funding after the grant period

☐ **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.

Required Signatures

Elected Official
or Department/
Agency Director:



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Date:

Budget Analyst:

Althea Gregory /s/

Date:

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