



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST NOTICE OF INTENT

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## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 3/13/14  
Agenda Item #: C.1  
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am  
Date Submitted: 2/25/14

**Agenda Title:** NOTICE OF INTENT to submit an application for \$100,000 to the HRSA, HIV/AIDS Bureau's Part C Capacity Development grant program.

*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 13, 2014 **Time Needed:** N/A – consent item  
**Department:** Health **Division:** Integrated Clinical Services  
**Contact(s):** Laurel Bentley; Jodi Davich  
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**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** N/A – consent item

## General Information

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

Authorization for the Director of the Health Department to submit an application for \$100,000 to the Health Resources and Services Administration, HIV/AIDS Bureau's Ryan White Part C Capacity Development 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.

On January 28, 2014, the Health Resources & Services Administration, HIV/AIDS Bureau announced a Capacity Development funding opportunity open to existing Ryan White Part C grantees. The Multnomah County Health Department is a current Part C grantee and uses these funds to provide HIV-specific care in its HIV Health Services Center. The funding opportunity is to support activities that strengthen organizational infrastructure and to increase capacity to develop, enhance, or expand access to high quality HIV primary health care services for people living with HIV or who are at risk of infection in underserved or rural communities.

The FY14 Part C Capacity Development grant allows grantees the flexibility to determine the point along the HIV Care Continuum to be targeted for maximum impact and provides one time funds to build local capacity of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part C grantees to support a system-wide intervention that address gaps in their local HIV Care Continuum. Specifically, funds may be used to support patient-based treatment adherence.

The Health Department intends to submit an application for \$100,000 to implement an innovative, patient-based treatment adherence program to provide long term adherence support for chronically non-adherent patients and apply the program to address the stages of the HIV Care Continuum regarding (1) use of Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) and/or (2) Virologic Suppression. The HIV Health Services Center (HHSC) engages patients who are newly diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in care to support their successful use to ART to help them successfully suppress their viral load. Engaging patients early and often is critical in ensuring they are able to successfully manage their disease. The requested grants funds will support the HHSC in integrating a systematic, targeted outreach and engagement protocol to ensure these clients receive follow up to successfully engage in care. Grant funds will cover the costs associated with staff time associated with surveying new HHSC clients on perceived barriers to ART compliance and virologic suppression as well as planning and coordination of an engagement pilot project for new clients. The proposed activities will optimize the current HHSC panel management structure to link patients who are new to the clinic to services quickly and ensure they are being followed up with regularly. As patients are acclimated to care and more regularly engaged their success with ART adherence and virologic suppression will increase.

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

This grant will provide the Health Department with \$100,000 over 12-month project period of September 1, 2014 - August 30, 2015.

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

On July 15, 2013, the Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP) marked the third anniversary of the release of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy by announcing the new HIV Care Continuum Initiative implemented by an Executive Order of the President. The Initiative directs Federal agencies to prioritize the continuum of HIV care by accelerating efforts and directing existing Federal resources to increase HIV testing, services, and treatment, while improving patient access to them. In full support of the Executive Order and the National HIV/AIDS Strategy, the HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) believes that the goals of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy can be achieved by addressing the gaps in the HIV Care Continuum. Subsequently, this Capacity Building grant supports approaches at the grassroots or local level to address the infrastructure issues that inhibit the flow of care.

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

None.

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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 Health Resources and Services Administration, HIV/AIDS Bureau.

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

The goal of the grant is to assist public and nonprofit entities in their efforts to strengthen their organizational infrastructure and to increase their capacity to develop, enhance, or expand access to high quality HIV primary health care services for people living with HIV or who are at risk of infection in underserved or rural communities.

No matching is required. Progress reports are required on a semi-annual basis.

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

This is a one-time grant that must be spent over a 1-year project period.

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

The application is due March 17, 2014.

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

The grant covers a 12-month project period of September 1, 2014 - August 30, 2015.

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

These activities are only necessary during the designated project period in order to optimize the HHSC panel management of new clients. As a result, continued funding post-grant period is not needed.

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

Yes, 100% of indirect costs are covered by the grant.

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### **Required Signatures**

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<b>Elected Official or Department/ Agency Director:</b>	KaRin Johnson for Joanne Fuller/s/	<b>02-24-14</b>
	_____	<b>Date:</b> _____

<b>Budget Analyst:</b>	Althea Gregory /s/	<b>Date:</b> 2/25/14
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