



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST NOTICE OF INTENT

(Revised: 9/23/13)

APPROVED: MULTNOMAH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA # R.4 DATE 8/21/14  
LYNDA GROW, BOARD CLERK

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 8/21/14  
Agenda Item #: R.4  
Est. Start Time: 10:05 am  
Date Submitted: 8/5/14

**Agenda Title:** NOTICE OF INTENT to submit an application for up to \$750,000 to the HUD Healthy Homes Technical Studies 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: 08/21/2014 Time Needed: 5 minutes  
Department: Health Division: Environmental Health  
Contact(s): Marc Harris and Kim Tierney  
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Marc Harris, Health Services Development Administrator; Kim Tierney, Healthy Homes and Families Program Supervisor

## General Information

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

Authorization for the Director of the Health Department to submit a grant for up to \$750,000 to the Department of Housing and Urban Development Healthy Homes Technical Studies 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 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Healthy Homes Technical Studies (HHTS) program aims to improve HUD's and the public's knowledge of housing-related health and safety hazards, and to improve or develop new hazard assessment and control methods, with a focus on key residential health and safety hazards. HUD is especially interested in projects which will advance our knowledge on key healthy homes issues by addressing important gaps in the science related to the accurate and efficient identification of hazards and cost effective hazard mitigation.

The overall goals and objectives of the Healthy Homes Program are to: (1) Mobilize public

and private resources, involving cooperation among all levels of government, the private sector, grassroots community-based organizations, including faith-based organizations, and other non-profit organizations, to develop and implement the most promising, cost-effective methods for identifying and controlling housing-related hazards; and, (2) Build local capacity to operate sustainable programs.

To meet the goals and objectives of the HUD Healthy Homes Program, Multnomah County Health Department Environmental Health Services (EHS) is proposing a technical study focused on low income households occupied by persons over age 55 and persons who identify as having a disability. EHS will partner with the City of Portland Housing Bureau (PHB), REACH Community Development, and Multnomah County Weatherization to perform a study to evaluate the impacts of standardized community health worker education and coordination of housing rehabilitation services on hazards in the home and client knowledge/behavior/health, enabling the partners to discern the most effective and impactful way to provide and coordinate local health and housing services. This partnership leverages rehabilitation funding (i.e., monies for capital repairs) from PHB/REACH and Weatherization so that grant funds can be allocated to research staff, an EHS community health worker, and REACH housing inspector. The project extends current relationships between the partners by extending the focus of healthy homes standardized education from families with children to the older adult and adults experiencing disability communities. Main outcomes and outputs of the project include developing and disseminating educational tools and research findings that will lead to a better understanding of how to best coordinate health and housing services to decrease hazards in the home and improve client knowledge, behavior, and health.

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

The grant will provide up to \$750,000 for a three-year project period.

**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.**

The project includes partnerships with Multnomah County Department of County Human Services Weatherization and Aging and Disability Services programs; the City of Portland Housing Bureau; and REACH Community Development. Also, the project will engage members of the local aging and disability communities to participate in project design, as well as the Healthy Homes Advisory Council, which is facilitated by EHS and includes a number of community organizations and agencies.

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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 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- **Specify grant (matching, reporting and other) requirements and goals.**  
The goal of the grant is to improve existing methods for detecting and controlling key housing-related health and safety hazards; to develop new methods to detect and control these hazards; and to improve our knowledge of key housing-related health and safety hazards. There are no matching requirements. Quarterly reports are required throughout the project period; a final report is also required.
- **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?**  
This is a one-time only commitment for a three year project period.
- **What are the estimated filing timelines?**  
The application is due by August 29, 2014.
- **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**  
The grant covers the project period of 10/06/2014 through 10/05/2017.
- **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**  
The research project will be completed upon expiration. However, as part of the project, partners will examine findings and determine appropriate next steps for future coordination and continuation of the intervention.
- **Is 100% of the central and departmental indirect recovered? If not, please explain why.**  
Yes, 100% of all indirect costs are covered by the grant.

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**Required Signatures**

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Elected Official  
or Department/

Agency Director: Wendy Lear on behalf of Joanne Fuller /s/ Date: 8/4/2014

Budget Analyst: Althea Gregory /s/ Date: 8/5/2014

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