



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST NOTICE OF INTENT

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APPROVED: MULTNOMAH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA # C2 DATE 4-15-2010  
LYNDA GROW, BOARD CLERK

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 4/15/2010  
Agenda Item #: C-2  
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am  
Date Submitted: 4/1/2010

**Agenda Title:** NOTICE OF INTENT to Submit an Application for up to \$150,000 to the CDC  
Revitalizing Core Environmental Health Programs Grant Opportunity.

*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>April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010</u>	<b>Amount of Time Needed:</b>	<u>NA – Consent Item</u>
<b>Department:</b>	<u>Health</u>	<b>Division:</b>	<u>Community Health Services</u> <u>– Environmental Health</u>
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<b>Presenter(s):</b>	<u>NA – Consent Item</u>	<b>I/O Address:</b>	<u>160/9</u>

## General Information

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

Authorize the Director of the Health Department to submit an application for up to \$150,000 CDC Revitalizing Core Environmental Health Programs Grant Opportunity.

### 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.

It is widely believed that the effects of climate change will have a profound impact on the way we live and experience our lives in the future. Within the Portland metropolitan area, we anticipate changes in temperature, precipitation, vegetation, stream flow, snow pack, and pests, and these changes will have direct impacts on our economy, our culture, and our health. Several steps have been taken to begin to mitigate and respond to climate change in our area. Utility companies have studied the impact of climate change on their prospective industries, recycling programs have been established, new forms of sustainable energy and transportation are being developed and implemented, and carbon emissions are being reduced. Most recently, the City of Portland and Multnomah County joined together to develop and adopt the 2009 Climate Action Plan. While great strides have been made, the need to understand the public health impacts of climate change and develop a public health response remains. We know that climate change will affect our air, water,

and food supplies, but at this time we have not yet identified and studied the specific health impacts in our geographic area within these systems.

This grant will provide Environmental Health Services with the resources to engage in a collaborative process to fill this critical need. The goal of the project is to examine climate change issues within the Portland metropolitan area through a public health and equity lens; begin to incorporate climate change as a core area of environmental health services within the Multnomah County Health Department; and develop a public health response to key climate change issues. The project will consist of three main phases. During the first phase, the project will engage key stakeholders in the fields of climate change, water, food, public health, and social justice to identify and prioritize issues related to water and food safety due to climate change. This phase will result in the development of new partnerships, a new view of climate change as it relates to public health, a matrix of climate change indicators and anticipated impacts, and a foundation to address climate change and public health issues in the future. During the second phase of the project, health impact assessments will be conducted for high priority issues identified in phase one so that the public health impact can be clearly understood. During phase three of the project, key stakeholders in the fields of public health, health care delivery, emergency preparedness, local government, social justice/equity, and food and water will be brought together to develop a public health response to the identified issues with an emphasis on health equity and environmental justice.

The funding provided through this grant will enable the Multnomah County Health Department to begin the process of addressing the impact of climate change on public health.

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

We will request up to \$150,000 a year for a five year project period. This funding will support dedicated staff time and related project expenses for this climate change initiative.

**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.**

Multnomah County has begun to participate in several climate change initiatives, including the recent Climate Action Plan of 2009. This grant project will continue and enhance this work by examining the public health response to climate change.

## 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 US Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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

The purpose of the grant program is to support projects that revitalize core environmental health programs that will help to ensure communities have safe food and water. This year, the CDC has included climate change affects on environmental health service delivery as an area of focus.

There is no match requirement. Regular progress and financial reporting is required.

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

This is a one-time only commitment with an award amount of up to \$150,000 a year for a five year project period.

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

The grant is due on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

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

The grant covers a five year project period from 7/1/2010 – 6/30/2015.

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

When the grant expires the project will have been completed. If additional needs are identified, new grant applications will be submitted.

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

100% of the central and departmental indirect costs will be covered by the grant.



## ATTACHMENT B

### Required Signatures

Elected Official or  
Department/  
Agency Director:

KaRin R. Johnson for

03-31-10

Date:

*Lillian Shirley*



Budget Analyst:

Date: 04/01/10