



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST NOTICE OF INTENT

(Revised: 9-24-15)

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Meeting Date: 9/14/17
Agenda Item #: C.6
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am
Date Submitted: 8/31/17

**NOTICE OF INTENT to submit an application for up to \$50,000 from
Agenda State, Territorial, Local and Tribal Based Projects to Assess Emerging
Title: Surveillance Issues in Substance Use and Mental Health**

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: 9/14/2017 Time Needed: N/A Consent

Department: Health Division: PDES

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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): N/A, Consent

Notice of Intent is required to obtain approval from the Board of County Commissioners to ensure a competitive grant proposal is in alignment with the County's mission; to receive an indication from the Board of its willingness to commit the necessary County resources to support the grant. A Budget Modification is required to appropriate funds received from a successful grant proposal.

Notice of Intent Specific Information

Department recommendation for consent agenda placement (*must meet all criteria*):

- Proposal is under \$500,000/ year.
- Proposal does not require cash match as part of the budget.
- Proposal does not commit County to on-going programming following award.
- Proposal adheres to the County's indirect guidelines.
- Proposal is within the Department's strategic direction.
- Proposal does not have policy and/or legal implications that warrant a public dialog.

- ☒ To the best of my knowledge, this proposal adheres to all of the above criteria and may be placed on the Board of County Commissioner's Consent Agenda. I understand the proposal can be moved to the regular Board Agenda for any reason by Commissioners or their staff.
- ☐ To the best of my knowledge, this proposal does not meet criteria for placement on the Consent Agenda and should be placed on the Regular Agenda.

Please complete for any NOI:

Granting Agency	Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
Proposal due date	9/15/2017
Grant period	November 15, 2017 - June 30, 2018
Approximate level of funding by year	\$50,000
Program Offer(s) potentially impacted	Program Design and Evaluation
How do you expect to spend the majority of funds? (check all that apply)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personnel <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Capital (including equipment)
Does grant require match? If so, describe type (cash, FTE, etc) and %	no

**If the Board does not approve this NOI, the application will be withdrawn*

1. Brief overview of grant's purpose and/or impact.

The field of substance use and mental health is a rapidly changing and evolving, where new issues and challenges emerge quickly. To better understand this field, applied epidemiologists and informaticians need to develop and standardize the best methods for surveillance and monitoring. Additionally, these behavioral health/public health professionals need the most current information on issues impacting the population in their jurisdiction and by which surveillance or novel epidemiological efforts or methods are best to describe the problem and provide solutions or initial insights for addressing the public or behavioral health problem.

It is important to assess, understand, pilot and evaluate emerging and novel ways of tracking health conditions, and improving surveillance and epidemiology practices related to emerging issues and challenges within state, local, tribal, and territorial (STLT) jurisdictions. This RFP provides a mechanism for supporting proposals to assess, evaluate and address emerging behavioral health concerns. This RFP will provide support (up to \$50,000 per request) for jurisdictional projects to pilot projects related to capacity building in responding to public health issues related to substance use, mental health and behavioral health.

Multnomah County Health Department's Program Design and Evaluation Division is applying to this RFP in partnership with Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) to pilot a project aimed at describing the burden of marijuana and opioid-related emergency department (ED) visits and validating surveillance approaches. The project aims to:

- Describe the clinician-identified rate and burden of marijuana and opioid-related or complicated cases in EDs
- Validate syndromic surveillance-identified cases (ESSENCE) by assessing sensitivity & specificity of syndromic surveillance against clinician-identified cases as a "gold standard"
- Assess differences in sensitivity/specificity by patient age group (e.g., children, young adults, middle-age and elder adults)

Activities include adding a "hard stop" measure to OHSU system emergency department electronic health records, so that for all emergency department visit documentation the provider has to answer the questions "did patient marijuana/cannabis use or exposure contribute to healthcare services that were needed for this case?" and "did patient opioid use contribute to healthcare services that were needed for this case?" (yes/no). This will identify cases where the provider believes that marijuana or opioid use required healthcare resources, even if they were not the direct cause and might not otherwise appear in the patient record (e.g., if a patient is under the influence of drugs and has an injury, intoxication may not be recorded as it was not addressed in treatment).

2. Brief overview of how proposal is aligned with Department's strategic direction.

The proposed project fits squarely within the Health Department's mission: *In partnership with the communities we serve, the Health Department assures, promotes and protects the health of the people of Multnomah County.*

3. Describe any community and/or government input considered in planning for this grant.

Drs. Rob Hendrickson and Esther Choo of OHSU will advise and provide planning for this grant, including working with OHSU's technology team to incorporate questions into the electronic health record and providing final data, educating and engaging system providers about the importance of the project and providing onsite support.

4. What partners may be included in program activities?

OHSU staff will participate in activities.

5. Generally, what are the grant's reporting requirements?

Awardees are required to:

- Participate in conference calls with CSTE staff, members and partners as needed
- Provide regular progress reports and invoices to CSTE
- Lead the development of pilot project
- Provide a detailed description of deliverables that are specific to the individual pilot project Implement the pilot project and collect and analyze all relevant data
- Prepare and distribute final report on findings to CSTE along with recommendations for other jurisdictions for handling the emerging issue
- Present findings to the relevant CSTE subcommittee via webinar, conference call or meeting

Please complete for NOIs on the Regular Board Agenda ONLY:

6. When the grant expires, will your Department continue to fund the program? If so, how?

N/A

7. Are 100% of the central and departmental indirect costs recovered? If not, please explain.

N/A

8. If the proposal is not aligned with your Department's strategic direction, explain why you are pursuing it at this time.

N/A

9. If the grant requires a cash match, how will you meet that requirement?

N/A

10. Are there policy issues and/or legal implications related to this proposal that may warrant a public dialog? If so, please explain.

N/A

Required Signatures

**Elected Official
or Department/
Agency Director:**

Wendy Lear for Joanne Fuller/s/

Date: 8/30/2017

Budget Analyst:

Mike Paruszkiewicz/s/

Date: 8/31/2017

Note: Please submit electronically. We are no longer using actual signatures. Insert names of your approvers followed by /s/. Please insert date approved