

Federal Grant Application Request

Oregon Health Authority

Perinatal Oral Health

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Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$250,000 per year for four years to reduce the prevalence of oral disease in pregnant women and infants.

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Analysis: The Oregon Health Authority is requesting approval to apply for the Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Quality Improvement Expansion Grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Maternal and Child Health Bureau. The grant is for \$250,000 per year for four years, and begins August 1, 2015.

The purpose of the grant is to reduce oral disease in both pregnant women and infants, with a focus on integrating oral health services into the overall health care delivery system. By targeting pregnant women and infants, it is anticipated that improved oral health and health care utilization will develop life-long healthy habits. This grant will build on the success of a project called First Tooth, which trained medical providers to conduct oral health screening to high risk infants and toddlers during well-child visits. The staff will work with coordinated care organizations on best practices for incorporating dental health into health care for pregnant women and infants, as well as systems for training providers. In addition, there will be an emphasis on coordination with other programs that serve pregnant women, such as the nutrition program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and Home Visiting programs.

A Project Advisory Board will be established, including representatives from Early Learning, WIC, Head Start, professional organizations such as the American Academy of Pediatrics, as well as state partners. The agency will be collaborating with a number of partners, including the Oregon Oral Health Coalition.

No state matching funds are required for the grant, and there is no federal requirement for maintenance of effort. After further development of the grant proposal, the agency has determined that they will not need any new positions.

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval of the request.