

Federal Grant Application Request

Oregon Health Authority

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Grant

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Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of up to \$750,000 per year for five years to reduce teen pregnancies.

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Analysis: The Oregon Health Authority is requesting approval to apply for the Capacity Building to Support Replication of Evidence-Based Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Adolescent Health. The grant is for up to \$750,000 per year for five years, and begins July 1, 2015.

Program goals of the Adolescent and School Health Programs within Public Health include promoting healthy relationships, assuring equity, preventing teen pregnancies, reducing sexually transmitted infections, and reducing relationship violence. This grant will allow the agency to expand evidence-based programming to rural and frontier areas that experience high teen pregnancy rates, and increase their capacity to address teen pregnancy. The agency will work closely with the Oregon Department of Education, as well as coordinated care organizations in the areas where grants are approved.

The grant will focus on Baker, Malheur, and Umatilla counties, based on their high teen pregnancy rates as well as expressed interest. The state will provide assistance in such activities as developing a community needs assessment, collaborating with community stakeholders, and selecting an evidence-based program for implementation. A portion of the funding will go to each of the three county health departments to implement a teen pregnancy prevention program from the federally-approved list, based on which program best fits their community needs.

No state matching funds are required for the grant, and there is no federal requirement for maintenance of effort. If successful, the agency expects to need one limited duration position for data monitoring and evaluation activities required by the grant.

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval of the request to apply for a grant to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of up to \$750,000 per year for five years to reduce teen pregnancies.