

**Oregon Health Authority
Project LAUNCH Grant**

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Committee on Ways and Means approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for up to \$680,000 per year for four years to improve early childhood systems, strengthen parenting competencies, and improve children’s developmental and behavioral health outcomes.

The grant expands on two previous LAUNCH grants, one in Deschutes County and one in Multnomah County. This grant will allow an expansion into three new counties, and will emphasize decreasing racial and ethnic behavioral health disparities within the Hispanic/Latino community. The three counties will be chosen out of the five counties with the highest Hispanic/Latino population – Hood River, Malheur, Marion, Morrow, and Umatilla counties.

The areas of focus for this grant include maternal mental health, parent-child interaction therapy, and mental health consultation to child care and home visiting. Almost half the funding will go to the three counties for program.

No state matching funds are required for the grant. If successful, the agency expects to need one limited duration position for project management.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval of the request.