

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Human Services Kinship Navigator Program

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Stark

On May 27th, the Human Services Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Oregon Department of Human Services to the United States Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$200,000 for the development, enhancement, and evaluation of kinship navigator programs.

The grant will be used to fund Oregon's Kinship Navigator program, which offers information, referral, and follow-up services to grandparents and other relatives raising children. By linking them to the benefits and services they or the children need, the program aims to prevent these families from falling into crisis that would then require public sector intervention. The program is supported entirely by federal funds.

The grant does not require a state match.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.