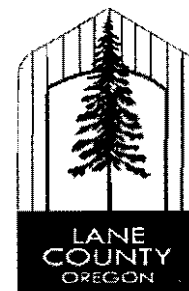


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AGENDA COVER MEMO

AGENDA DATE: January 5, 2011
TO: Board of County Commissioners
DEPARTMENT: Health & Human Services
PRESENTED BY: Rob Rockstroh



AGENDA TITLE: ORDER / _____ IN THE MATTER OF APPLYING FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$283,784 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT EXPANDED CAPACITY FOR PRIMARY CARE THROUGH THE FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER

I. MOTION

In the Matter of Applying for a Grant in the Amount of \$283,784 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for Supplemental Funding to Support Expanded Capacity for Primary Care Through the Federally Qualified Health Center.

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) has allocated additional Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) funding to support the 2009 American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) funding that expanded the primary care healthcare capacity of FQHCs. This funding has been made available to FQHCs based on the total number of patients and the percentage of uninsured patients served by each FQHC. The Community Health Centers of Lane County (CHCLC) are eligible to apply for \$283,784 in supplemental funding.

III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Board Action and Other History

The BCC authorized the CHCLC to apply for ARRA expanded medical capacity funding via BO 09-4-1-7. The CHCLC was awarded \$294,588 via the grant application authorized by that board action.

This application for \$283,784, if approved, will not only provide this amount of additional revenue to the CHCLC for a one-year period (April, 2011 through April, 2012), but will also increase the CHCLC's federal base funding by a similar annual amount, effective April, 2012, when the initial ACA funding ends.

B. Policy Issues

There are no adverse policy implications to applying for and accepting this funding. As detailed below, the additional funding will boost healthcare capacity at a time when fewer residents of Lane County have health insurance and will even permit the County to hire additional staff at a time of high unemployment. The one negative that simply cannot be addressed at this time, is the intent of the new federal Congress to overturn and/or revise the ACA, which could imperil the offered funding.

C. Board Goals

Applying for this grant meets the Board goal of providing outstanding customer/constituent service and enhances critical primary healthcare services at a time when the number of uninsured residents has increased in Lane County.

D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations

Unlike ARRA funding, this grant will not require any additional quarterly reporting. All activities funded under this grant will be accomplished via the routine base grant reporting.

Two-thirds of the funding applied for may be used for personnel costs related to expanding capacity and the remaining third may be used to adding new services. Therefore, the CHCLC is applying to use the funding to cover the costs associated with expanding behavioral healthcare at the new RiverStone Clinic on Olympic Street, slated to open in March, 2011.

E. Analysis

1. What is the match requirement, if any, and how is that to be covered for the duration of the grant?

There is no match requirement.

2. Will the grant require expenditures for Material and Services or capital not fully paid for by the grant?

No.

3. Will the grant funds be fully expended before county funds need to be spent?

Yes.

4. How will the administrative work of the grant be covered if the grant funds don't cover it?

As explained in Item III.D above, award of this grant will require no additional tracking nor reporting, beyond that routinely accomplished in support of the CHCLC's general federal (HRSA) grant funding.

5. Have grant stakeholders been informed of the grant sun setting policy so there is no misunderstanding when the funding ends? Describe the plan for service if funding does not continue.

There are no grant stakeholders nor partners in the traditional sense.

6. What accounting, auditing and evaluation obligations are imposed by the grant conditions?

The County's standard accounting, auditing and evaluation processes will meet the requirements of the grant.

7. How will the department cover the accounting, auditing, and evaluation obligations? How are the costs for these obligations covered, regardless of whether they are in the department submitting the grant or a support service department? Does the department acknowledge that the county will need to cover these costs and is it an appropriate cost incurred by support service departments?

The County's indirect allocation costs per FTE have been included in the grant request. No additional reporting burden is imposed and CFS has confirmed its ability to provide the required support for the resultant FTE and increased revenue.

8. Are there any restrictions against applying the county full cost indirect charge?

The full indirect has been included, per FTE being added.

9. Are there unique or unusual conditions that trigger additional county work effort or liability, i.e., maintenance of effort requirements or supplanting prohibitions or indemnity obligations?

None

10. Is this a grant funded computer/software application project?

No.

F. Alternatives/Options

1. Approve the application and delegate authority to the Interim County Administrator to authorize the grant application submission and to accept any resulting grant award and/or contract or other documents.

2. Not to accept the motion and direct Health & Human Services to not apply for this grant funding opportunity.

G. Recommendation

To approve Option #1, above.

H. Timing/Implementation

January 6, 2011 – Application due (already routed under separate cover through H&HS/Administration, County Council and the CAO)

April, 2011 – Anticipated notification of grant award

April, 2012 – Anticipated increase of CHCLC base grant by 50 percent (%) of the grant award amount

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

Upon action by the Board, H&HS will request that the Interim Administrator release the grant application for electronic submission by H&HS on January 6, 2011.

V. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER:) IN THE MATTER OF APPLYING FOR A GRANT IN THE
) AMOUNT OF \$283,784 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
) HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR SUPPLEMENTAL
) FUNDING TO SUPPORT EXPANDED CAPACITY FOR
) PRIMARY CARE THROUGH THE FEDERALLY QUALIFIED
) HEALTH CENTER

WHEREAS, the Community Health Centers of Lane County, a Federally Qualified Health Center, are eligible for Affordable Care Act supplemental funding in the amount of \$283,784 based on their service population; and

WHEREAS, Board Order 09-05-20-06 approved the purchase of a new site for the RiverStone Clinic at 2073 Olympic Street in Springfield; and

WHEREAS, the increased size of the Olympic Street building will support expanded healthcare services at the RiverStone Clinic; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED that Lane County shall apply for funding in the amount of \$283,784 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for supplemental funding to support expanded capacity to provide primary health care through the Federally Qualified Health Center; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the County Administrator be delegated signature authority to execute this application, all applicable award documents, contracts, amendments, or other agreements pursuant to the full implementation of the resulting grant award.

EFFECITVE this ____ day of January, 2011.

, Chair
Lane County Board Of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 12/21/10 Lane County
[Signature]
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSE