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## **Aging and People with Disabilities' Fund for Innovative Pilots**

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Oregon is planning for the future of its services for seniors and people with disabilities. This planning includes a resource to test and evaluate innovative pilots and projects – the Innovations Fund.

The Aging and People with Disabilities Innovations Fund will be used to support pilots and projects testing and evaluating new ideas to serve seniors and people with disabilities. The Department of Human Services is soliciting proposals for funding these ideas through a competitive application process. Oregon-based individuals, organizations, businesses, and non-State government agencies may apply for these grants.

Innovative applicants sought by the Department will improve quality, cost effectiveness, or both in services and supports to seniors and people with disabilities. Key areas include preventative services, services to help people in their own home, services for traditionally underserved populations, and coordination between health and long term services and supports systems.

The Department will solicit proposals that are on a small and larger scale. Successful proposals will use its Innovations Fund award to test and evaluate pilots and projects. If it is successful, it may be expanded to serve a greater number of Oregon's seniors and people with disabilities. An Innovations Fund Board of consumer and consumer advocates will review and evaluate proposals.

The Request for Grant Proposals for larger and small scale proposals is on the Oregon Procurement Information Network (ORPIN) at <http://orpin.oregon.gov/open.dll/welcome>. To get a brief description of them, select Browse Opportunities, and By Organizations. Under the Department of Human Services, these requests for proposals are DHS-3768-14 for the large grants and DHS-3808-14 for the small grants. ###