

**CHAPTER 407
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION AND DIRECTOR'S OFFICE**

**DIVISION 35
CONTRACTING AND GRANTS**

Access and Effectiveness Health Care Delivery Grant Program

407-035-0000

Scope

These rules (OAR 407-035-0000 to 407-035-0015) establish criteria for awarding grants under the Access and Effectiveness Health Care Delivery grant program which was established to improve access to and the effectiveness of health care delivery for families.

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Program Administration

- (1) The Department of Human Services (Department) shall award grants for two projects. One of the two grants must be awarded for a project that predominantly serves a rural area as defined by the Oregon Health and Science University, Office of Rural Health.
- (2) The Legislature has appropriated a total of \$500,000 to fund two grant projects. Each grant will be awarded for an amount not to exceed \$250,000. The grant amount awarded to each project shall be based on submitted proposals and contract negotiations with the Department.
- (3) The Northwest Health Foundation (NWHF), in partnership with the Department, shall administer the program, including soliciting, reviewing, and evaluating proposals. NWHF shall also provide project monitoring, technical assistance, and submit periodic status reports to the Department.
- (4) Grant funding will be awarded for a two-year period commencing on the date all parties have signed their respective grant contract.

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Grant Award Process

- (1) A request for grant proposal will be advertised by NWHF by publication on its web site, e-news, and communication to eligible entities.
- (2) All proposals must be submitted by the date specified in the solicitation document.
- (3) NWHF will document receipt of all proposals.
- (4) Entities must submit a proposal to NWHF. NWHF shall review and evaluate the proposals on behalf of the Department following the requirements provided in the request for grant proposal issued by NWHF. To qualify for a grant, proposers must demonstrate in their proposal that they have the ability to leverage non-state resources given the strengths and limitations of their geographic locations.
- (5) NWHF will evaluate and rank all proposals based on the following evaluation criteria:
 - (a) A brief description of project goals and how the proposer intends to address the program goals, information on methods to be used in which improved access and effective health care delivery for families may be addressed, and how the project will meet the program priorities, with emphasis to statewide applicability and replicability; (100 points)
 - (b) A proposed work plan, including timeline, deliverables, evaluation outcomes, and budget; (75 points)
 - (c) Proposer's experience with health care delivery programs and services; (50 points)
 - (d) A list of staff and their qualifications; (50 points)
 - (e) An impact description of how the project will affect the cost and quality of and access to health care; (50 points)
 - (f) A description of how the structure and operation of the entity reflects the interests of and is accountable to the diverse needs of the local community; (50 points); and
 - (g) A description of how the project will be sustained once grant funding has expired. (50 points)
- (6) Projects must also meet the following:
 - (a) Create incentives for collaborative, community-based organizations to bring diverse stakeholders together to coordinate, communicate, and improve access to health care for local residents of the community; and
 - (b) Improve health care delivery in the community by providing:

- (A) Patient-centered care in which there is a sustained relationship between a patient and culturally competent provider team and that utilizes patient-driven goals and evidence-based practices;
 - (B) Team-based care that takes advantage of nursing services, including care coordination, school-based health services, home visits, telephone triage, and clinical case management, and that maximizes services during each patient visit;
 - (C) Coordinated care that links patients to comprehensive services in the community, including specialty care, mental health care, dental care, vision care, and social services;
 - (D) Provider accessibility through the use of telephone and electronic mail, and the removal of transportation, language, cultural, and other barriers to timely care; and
 - (E) Collaboration with the community that ensures that health-related interests and services are coordinated, psychosocial services are incorporated, resources are leveraged and maximized, and assessments are conducted on health status, disparities, and effectiveness of services.
- (7) NWHF will form a committee consisting of at least four qualified individuals to consider the proposals and create a prioritized list of recommended proposers.
- (8) NWHF will make recommendations to the Department to issue grants based on the evaluation.
- (9) The Department will consider NWHF recommendations and enter into negotiations with the two highest ranked proposers.

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Program Termination

These rules shall be effective through January 2, 2012.

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