

**CHAPTER 409**

**OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY,  
HEALTH POLICY AND ANALYTICS**

**DIVISION 110  
HEALTH SYSTEMS PLANNING  
Safety Net Capacity Grant Program**

**409-110-0025**

**Scope**

These rules establish criteria for awarding grants under the Safety Net Capacity Grant Program, which was established to ensure that safety net providers have capacity to serve vulnerable and underserved children in Oregon.

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**409-110-0030**

**Definitions**

The following definitions apply to OAR 409-110-0025 to 409-110-0045:

- (1) "Authority" means the Oregon Health Authority.
- (2) "Community-sponsored Clinic" means a non-profit, community-based clinic that does not receive state or federal funding and is sponsored by the local community in the form of grants and donations, including in-kind donations of goods and services.
- (3) "Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services" means health care services that are respectful of and responsive to cultural and linguistic needs. Please refer to the "National Standards on Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services" (CLAS), United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health.
- (4) "Primary Healthcare Service" means physical, oral, mental, behavioral, and vision health services that are delivered in a manner that reflects the state's emphasis on patient-centered care.
- (5) "Program" means the Safety Net Capacity Grant Program.
- (6) "Safety Net Provider" means a public or non-profit federally qualified health center, school-based health center, tribal health clinic, rural health clinic, or community-sponsored clinic that provides primary care and preventive physical, oral, mental, behavioral and vision health services to low-income patients without charge or using a sliding scale.
- (8) "Target Population" refers to children who are not eligible for the Oregon Healthy Kids Program for reasons other than income.

[ED.NOTE: Publications referenced are available from the agency]

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#### **409-110-0035**

##### **Program Administration**

- (1) The Program is intended to ensure that the target population has access to primary physical, oral, mental, behavioral, and vision health services.
- (2) The Authority shall award grants to safety net providers through the Program.
- (3) Services covered through the Program are limited to primary and preventive physical, oral, mental, behavioral, and vision health services.
- (4) Children in the target population through the age of 18 are eligible to receive services through the program.
- (5) The grant amount awarded shall take into consideration the distribution and concentration of the target population in the proposed service area.
- (6) The Program is competitive and proposals that include collaboration with community partners may be given preference.
- (7) The Authority shall administer the Program including soliciting, reviewing, evaluating, and selecting successful grant proposals. The Authority shall also provide project monitoring, technical assistance and submit periodic status reports to interested parties.
- (8) Grant funding shall be awarded for the remainder of the 2015-2017 biennium, with the possibility of extensions.
- (10) The Authority shall distribute safety net grant funds to successful applicants on an incremental basis.

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#### **409-110-0040**

##### **Grant Award Process**

- (1) The Authority shall advertise grant proposals through publication on its website and through communication to eligible entities.
- (2) All proposals must be submitted in a form specified by the Program and by the date specified in the solicitation document.
- (3) The Authority shall document receipt of all proposals.
- (4) To qualify for a grant through the Program, applicants must be able to credibly estimate the number of new and existing children in the target population they will serve, as well as the number of estimated visits for the target population.

- (5) The Authority shall evaluate all proposals based upon but not limited to the following evaluation elements:
  - (a) Demonstrated capacity to provide primary health care services.
  - (b) Demonstrated capacity or description of a credible plan to serve the target population.
  - (c) Demonstrated capacity or description of a credible plan to assure that services are culturally and linguistically competent.
  - (d) Demonstrated capacity or description of a credible plan to identify, contact, and provide primary care services to the target population.
  - (e) Demonstrated readiness to be operational within 60 days of grant award.
  - (f) Maintenance of operating hours and locations to ensure accessibility.
  - (g) Demonstrated ability to partner with community-based and other community organizations and to leverage funds, where possible.
  - (h) Submission of a proposed work plan, including timeline, discrete programs and products, evaluation outcomes, and budget.
  - (i) Demonstrated capacity or description of a credible plan for implementing data systems that can report on delivery of services and health outcomes, preferably through the utilization of electronic health records that are Certification Commission for Health Information Technology certified.
- (6) The Authority shall form a committee to consider and make recommendations on the submitted proposals.
- (7) The Authority shall notify applicants, in writing, whether their proposal was selected for funding. The Authority shall provide a question and answer opportunity through electronic or telephone communication both before and after the selection of proposals.

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#### **409-110-0045**

##### **Monitoring and Reporting Requirements**

- (1) A grantee shall:
  - (a) Submit grant reports to the Authority on a periodic basis. Grant reports will indicate progress to achieve grant benchmarks and goals and report on the expenditure of grant dollars. Failure to comply with reporting requirements may result in grant suspension or termination; and
  - (b) Report specific data or information, to be determined by the Authority.

(2) Grant disbursements are contingent on grantee achieving proposed service delivery levels. Failure to achieve proposed service levels or benchmarks may result in grant reduction or termination.

(3) Periodically grantee and the Authority shall jointly review progress.

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