

April 17, 2012

The Honorable Peter Courtney, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Bruce Hanna, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Arnie Roblan, Co-Chair  
State Emergency Board  
900 Court Street NE  
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Re: Retroactive Request to Apply – Competitive Grant – – Cancer Prevention and Control Programs for State, Territorial and Tribal Organizations, CDC-RFA-DP12-1205 (OHA-PH-12-03)

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

### **Nature of the Request**

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Public Health Division requests retroactive permission to apply for the Cancer Prevention and Control Programs grant for federal funds up to \$7,200,000 a year for 5 years, beginning June 30, 2012 and ending June 29, 2017, for a total of up to \$36,000,000.

The intent of the 5-Year grant is to continue cancer prevention and control program activities to promote cancer screening, provide breast and cervical cancer screening services for uninsured and underinsured women, and to collect cancer data. The funding is available through Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC). The request for proposals was received on January 15, 2012, and the application was submitted on March 26, 2012.

This grant funding requires maximum matching funds in the amount of \$2,142,000, which is met through in-kind support from partners. Required match for the 2011-2012 fiscal year was provided by the Susan.G. Komen Foundation, Oregon Health Science University screening partnership and cancer registry abstraction fees from hospital and non-hospital facilities. OHA has successfully met match requirements in all previous grant cycles for this program.

## **Agency Action**

Cancer has been the leading cause of death in Oregon since 2001. The grant creates a new platform for the coordination and integration of three long standing federally funded cancer prevention and control programs in Oregon: Comprehensive Cancer Control Program; Breast and Cervical Cancer Program; and the State Cancer Registry.

In addition, the grant includes two new components. The first is funding to assure the integration and coordination among the three current cancer programs and other chronic diseases. Awards will be \$25,000 - \$50,000 per year. The second is a demonstration project to provide training and technical assistance to Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) to promote evidence-based cancer prevention and age-appropriate screening among its Medicaid clients through system-wide interventions. Awards will be up to \$1,600,000 per year.

The grant will allow the cancer control programs to continue their cancer prevention and early detection and maintenance of the central cancer registry activities, for which federal grants are the sole source of funding. All grant activities are conducted in collaboration with other OHA programs, local public health agencies, federally recognized tribes, health systems, hospitals, cancer centers, federally qualified health centers, and community partners.

This grant will support continued funding for 23 current full-time, permanent positions in the cancer prevention program. These positions are now funded through the current grant cycle of the cancer prevention and control program. If the new demonstration project funding is awarded, the program will request one new limited-duration position (Program Analyst 3) to coordinate the work of the demonstration project among OHA programs, contractors and CCOs.

Oregon has been awarded this 5-year grant four times, for a total of 20 years, and anticipates the grant will be renewed by the CDC at the end of the next 5-year cycle.

The OHA mission is to help people and communities achieve optimum physical, mental and social well-being through partnerships, prevention and access to quality, affordable health care. The cancer control programs promote prevention and early detection of cancer to decrease the number of Oregonians who develop cancer and to diagnose those with cancer as early as possible when treatment is more effective and less expensive. This grant will continue the current efforts of three cancer control programs and, potentially, enhance cancer prevention and screening practices in Oregon's Coordinated Care Organizations.

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### **Action Requested**

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Public Health Division requests authority to accept the Cancer Prevention and Control Programs for State, Territorial and Tribal Organizations grant from Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention if the state's application is successful.

### **Legislation Affected**

The Oregon State Cancer Registry, created by the 1995 Oregon Legislature (ORS 432.500-432.570), is funded through the National Program of Cancer Registries, Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

House Bill 3214, passed by the 2001 Oregon Legislature, provides cancer treatment services through the Oregon Health Plan for women diagnosed through the Oregon Breast and Cervical Cancer Program, which is funded by the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

For additional information, please call Katrina Hedberg at 971-673-1050.

Sincerely,



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