

HB 4052 Digest

November 2022

Advisory Committee

The Mobile Health Advisory Committee met on November 7 and 28th to continue work on developing the Request for Grant Proposals solicitation. The Committee engaged in major discussions and decisions on program requirements and grant expectations. Decisions thus far include: grant applicants will be expected to provide needs assessment data on the community they wish to work with, services of the proposed program should be responsive to community needs, patients will be entitled to services of the funded program at no out-of-pocket cost, and grant funds will be awarded to at least two entities.

The decisions made by the MHAC have guided the creation of a 13 page Request for Grant Proposals draft. Proactively generating the majority of the Request for Grant Proposal document reduces the need for extensive assistance by technical writing staff, and will likely reduce processing time as it receives edits and approval by necessary staff.

The MHAC plans to spend December focusing on developing evaluation criteria and processes to rank/evaluate future grant applications.

What's Next?

The Request for Grant Proposals will be sent to the Contracts Office and action personnel will be assigned. The Contracts Office will provide any needed assistance with technical writing.

Once the Request for Grant Proposals is complete and the evaluation criteria is established, the Department of Justice will review the document for legal soundness. The legal sufficiency review is expected to take multiple weeks.

Upon completion of the legal sufficiency review, OHA will work to post the Grant Opportunity to OregonBuys. OregonBuys is the state's web-based eProcurement system. The solicitation for Grant Proposals is traditionally posted for at least 30 days.

The MHAC will evaluate all Grant Applications received, rank them and make their determination for awardees. The Contracts Office will verify the selection and publish a Notice of Award.

Grant Agreements will be developed between OHA and the Grant Awardees. Upon completion of the Grant Agreements, funds will be awarded.