

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – ADMINISTRATIVE RULE SUMMARY

Title/OAR #: 7.f—Competitive Oregon Farm to School Program Grant / OAR 581-017-0432 to 581-017-0447

Date: October 22, 2015

Staff/Office: Rick Sherman and Matthew Barber, ODE

New Rule **Amend Existing Rule** **Repeal Rule**

Hearing Date: _____ **Hearings Officer Report Attached**

Prompted by: **State law changes** **Federal law changes** **Other**

Action Requested:

First Reading/Second Reading Agenda **Adoption** **Adoption/Consent**

PROPOSED/AMENDED RULE SUMMARY: Implements provisions of Enrolled SB 501 (chp. 840, Oregon Laws 2015), which established a competitive farm-to-school grant and directed ODE to establish a process for awarding grants. Creates eligibility standards and application criteria for competitive grant applicants. Sets allowable uses for grant funds.

BACKGROUND: The legislature modified the Oregon Farm to School Grant Program in 2015, creating a noncompetitive grant available to all school districts and a competitive grant. These proposed rules will govern the competitive grant. School districts, nonprofit organizations, and commodity commissions or councils organized under ORS 576.051 to 576.455 or ORS chapter 577 or 578, may apply for a competitive grant to assist in paying costs of providing food-based, agriculture-based, or garden-based educational activities in a school district.

ISSUES/CONCERNS THAT SURFACED DURING RULE WORK:

- Whether to provide funding for those grant recipients who may need support with planning or start-up costs.
- How proscriptive the proposed rules should be regarding grant criteria and the types of educational programs funded by the grant.
- Clarify that educational activities funded with grant should be for benefit of children.
- Who is eligible to receive a grant and can grant recipients partner with organizations that are not eligible for a grant?

CHANGED SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING? (so members can focus on what's different)

- N/A; first read—hasn't been before board
 No; same as last month
 Yes – As follows: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact as a result of these rules. The legislature has already appropriated funds for the competitive Oregon Farm to School Program grants.

EFFECT OF YES VOTE: The proposed rules will establish the framework for administering the new competitive Oregon Farm to School Program grants and the general criteria by which grant applications and funded programs will be assessed. The proposed rules also

give the department flexibility to establish more detailed criteria in request for proposal solicitations.

EFFECT OF NO VOTE: The department cannot award any competitive Oregon Farm to School Program grants until it first adopts administrative rules establishing the procedures and general criteria for administering and awarding those grants.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

- Adopt administrative rule as prepared this month
- Adopt administrative rule next month
- No recommendation at this time (rarely used)

Comments: N/A