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RULE SUMMARY: The amendment of this eligibility rule aligns it with the provisions of 2021 House Bill 2139. Specifically, it stipulates that grants will provide transit services for veterans in rural areas to access physical, mental, and behavioral healthcare and removes a previous provision in the rule that restricted eligibility to STF Agencies with service areas that are not receiving support from Highly Rural Transportation Grants administered through the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs.

CHANGES TO RULE:

732-020-0050

Rural Veterans Healthcare Transportation Grant Program

(1) As used in this rule, "veteran" has the meaning given that term in ORS 408.225(1)(f).¶

(2) For purposes of Discretionary Program grants to provide ~~medical access~~ transit services for veterans in rural areas to access services for physical, mental or behavioral healthcare, the eligibility criteria listed below apply. An STF Agency is eligible to apply if:¶

(a) It is an Indian Tribe; or¶

(b) ~~It is nots area of responsibility is~~ located, in whole or in part, in an area ~~which will receive a Highly Rural Transportation Grant from the US Department of Veterans Affairs at any time during the period for which the Discretionary Grant is sought.~~¶

(3) ~~A Project is eligible for a Discretionary Grant if it will provide medical access transit services to veterans who reside in census tracts to which, as of July 3, 2019, assigned a primary Rural-Urban Commuting Area (RUCA) code of 4 through 10, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture assigned a primary Rural-Urban Commuting Area (RUCA) code of 4 through 10 of July 3, 2019.~~

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 184.619, 391.810

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 391.800 - 391.830, 408.225