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RHEC Administrative rule update

After a multi-year community engagement effort, the Regional Health Equity Coalition program received Secretary of State approval for updated administrative rules, a meaningful win for inclusive governance. These rule changes are critical to codifying equity considerations going forward, ensuring that community-centered practices are embedded in policy rather than left to discretion.

The new rules now require the program to pass inflation dollars through to grantees when available to better support grantee sustainability, and to involve existing grantees in evaluating proposals for new grantees, ensuring the competitive solicitation process is shaped by those closest to the work. Central to this effort was a bilingual (English and Spanish) training developed with and for RHEC partners across the state, covering what Oregon Administrative Rules are, why they matter for community work, and how to engage in the process.

The training has already been requested by other programs as a model for more inclusive rulemaking, a reflection of the care and intention the team brought to making civic processes genuinely accessible to the communities they serve.

You can read [the rule updates here](#)