

HB 4052 Digest

December 2022

Advisory Committee

The Mobile Health Advisory Committee met on December 12th, identifying collective priorities to guide the evaluation of future Grant Proposals. Members present for the meeting participated in an activity to identify areas of concern and rank them from highest priority to lowest priority. The activity and discussion led to the development of Grant Application questions and a Grant Proposal scoring rubric. Areas of priority are as follows:

- Community Needs and Program Planning**
 Provides services tailored to the documented needs of the community/populations.
- Collaboration/Partnership**
 Collaborative approaches with other entities to provide services that address underlying social and economic inequities.
- Qualifications**
 Demonstrate ability to provide requested tasks and deliverables.
- Access**
 Address barriers to increase access and quality of care for populations experiencing avoidable differences in health.

What's Next?

Our Request for Grant Proposal draft has been sent to the Contracts Office as a solicitation request. Our team is currently awaiting staff to be assigned to the request. Staff from the Contracts Office will make any necessary edits to the technical language.

Once the Request for Grant Proposals is in final form, the Department of Justice will review the document for legal soundness. The legal sufficiency review is expected to take multiple weeks. **(Staff from the Department of Justice have been providing feedback on early drafts which have been incorporated during the editing process; hopefully minimizing our time spent in legal sufficiency review.)**

Upon completion of the legal sufficiency review, OHA will work to post the Grant Opportunity to OregonBuys as a solicitation. 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.

Administrative Updates

OHA currently has 29 verified candidates for the position of Public Affairs Specialist 1. The candidates are currently being screened with a writing exercise. Up to seven will be selected to participate in interviews during the 2nd and 3rd weeks of January.