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**AGENDA COVER MEMO**

**AGENDA DATE:** November 10, 2009  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**DEPARTMENT:** Health & Human Services  
**PRESENTED BY:** Rob Rockstroh



**AGENDA TITLE:** ORDER / \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE MATTER OF APPLYING FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING IN A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$8,000,000 FROM THE U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL FOR A "COMMUNITIES PUTTING PREVENTION TO WORK" GRANT TO ADDRESS OBESITY PREVENTION

**I. MOTION**

In the Matter of Applying for and Acceptance of Funding in a not-to-exceed Amount of \$8,000,000 from the Centers for Disease Control for a "Communities Putting Prevention to Work" Grant to Address Obesity Prevention

**II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) funds through the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) are available for prevention activities. The Public Health Division wishes to apply for funding, via the state Department of Human Services (DHS), for obesity prevention activities.

**III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION**

**A. Board Action and Other History**

Funding in the amount of \$65,000 from the Public Health (PH) Assistance Grant (accepted via BO 09-6-24-2) provides for Public Health's current Physical Activity and Nutrition (PAN) activities under Program Element #15, "Healthy Communities" (formerly known as TROCD).

The CDC will competitively issue \$373,000,000 via thirty to forty public health prevention grants nationwide. Counties the size of Lane will be considered for grants in the \$3,000,000 to \$8,000,000 range. Grant awards will be announced on February 26, 2010.

Lane County Public Health is applying via DHS. Lane County was selected as one of only two counties to submit a full grant application as the result of a competitive

review process at the state level. The full grant application will be routed for consideration (delegated authority being accorded via this action) for approval by the County Administrator and staff on November 12, 2009. The full grant application must be received by DHS on/about November 20, 2009.

## **B. Policy Issues**

Obesity is one of the most serious and costly public health challenges facing Lane County. Two thirds of adults in Lane County are overweight or obese; and obesity-related chronic diseases, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes, hypertension, cancer, and asthma, are the leading causes of death and disability in Lane County. The indirect and direct costs of adult obesity in the U.S. are \$117 billion each year. Reducing the rate of obesity and resulting chronic diseases through public policy and environmental changes has the potential to dramatically reduce disabilities and costs to the community for health care; and to improve the overall health and well-being of our community.

Unlike some of the ARRA funding which has been pre-allocated, these prevention grants are competitive. There is no guarantee that any entity in Oregon will be awarded a grant, but H&HS believes that Lane County has effectively demonstrated its interest in and ability to respond to the issues surrounding obesity prevention, if funding can be secured.

DHS will submit two PAN proposals on behalf of mid-sized Oregon counties. It is possible that Multnomah and/or Washington counties may apply directly to the CDC for PAN activities funding.

## **C. Board Goals**

Applying for this grant meets the Board goal of providing outstanding customer/constituent service.

## **D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations**

Public Health will simultaneously submit an application for a similar amount for Tobacco Education and Prevention (TPEP) funding. The CDC may decide to issue one grant to Lane County, that will combine elements of PAN and TPEP activities.

The FY 10 Public Health activities planned in the areas of obesity prevention/chronic disease prevention and education are based on the Public Health Grant Award from DHS. No additional staff will be hired, contracts let nor activities planned, unless these or other grant funds are approved. The full grant application budget will be available for review, as part of the grant review process.

## **E. Analysis**

The information required by the Board of County Commissioners prior to approval of grant applications is provided below:

1. What is the match requirement, if any, and how is that to be covered for the duration of the grant?

There is no match requirement.

2. Will the grant require expenditures for Material and Services or capital not fully paid for by the grant?

No.

3. Will the grant funds be fully expended before county funds need to be spent?

Yes.

4. How will the administrative work of the grant be covered if the grant funds don't cover it?

The grant application permits the County to recover administrative costs (see Item 7, below).

5. Have grant stakeholders been informed of the grant sun setting policy so there is no misunderstanding when the funding ends? Describe the plan for service if funding does not continue.

Grantee partners will be selected via competition selection prior to grant acceptance and the selected partner or partners will be advised of the limited term of the funding.

6. What accounting, auditing and evaluation obligations are imposed by the grant conditions?

These funds are subject to quarterly ARRA-reporting. The County has adopted accounting, auditing and evaluation standards that will permit it to meet the grant reporting requirements.

7. How will the department cover the accounting, auditing, and evaluation obligations? How are the costs for these obligations covered, regardless of whether they are in the department submitting the grant or a support service department? Does the department acknowledge that the county will need to cover these costs and is it an appropriate cost incurred by support service departments?

Costs will be borne by the Public Health Division of Health & Human Services. Support services will be covered via County indirects, permitted under the grant application. Lane County has an approved FY 10 established rate of 14.938%.

8. Are there any restrictions against applying the county full cost indirect charge?

No.

9. Are there unique or unusual conditions that trigger additional county work effort or liability, i.e., maintenance of effort requirements or supplanting prohibitions or indemnity obligations?

None.

10. Is this a grant funded computer/software application project?

No.

**F. Alternatives/Options**

1. To accept the motion, adopt the order and approve the grant application, and to delegate to the County Administrator authority to sign the application and all subsequent grant documents.
2. Not to accept the motion and direct Health & Human Services to not process the grant application for submission.

**IV. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION**

Board approval being received, Public Health will submit the full grant application to H&HS on November 12, 2009 for routing and approval for submission.

Full application due at DHS – November 20, 2009  
DHS application due at CDC – November 25, 2009  
Notification of grant awards by CDC – February 26, 2010  
Grant period – March, 2010 – February, 2012

**V. RECOMMENDATION**

H&HS requests approval of this submission and notes that, even if not selected for funding, Public Health is to be commended for having been invited to apply.

**VI. FOLLOW-UP**

Grant funding being approved, H&HS would move to establish FTE and/or competitively select contractors.

**VII. ATTACHMENTS**

Board Order

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON**

**ORDER:**            ) IN THE MATTER OF APPLYING FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF  
                          ) FUNDING IN A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$8,000,000  
                          ) FROM THE U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL FOR A  
                          ) "COMMUNITIES PUTTING PREVENTION TO WORK" GRANT  
                          ) TO ADDRESS OBESITY PREVENTION

WHEREAS, Obesity-related chronic diseases, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes, hypertension, cancer, and asthma, are the leading causes of death and disability in Lane County; and

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control has solicited funding applications for "Communities Putting Prevention to Work" grants under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA); and

WHEREAS, Public Health has been chosen by the Department of Human Services to submit an application for obesity prevention programming in Lane County; and

WHEREAS, Public Health has a proven record of effectiveness in building community coalitions to develop and deliver prevention programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED that Lane County shall apply for not-to-exceed grant funding to address obesity and chronic disease prevention in the amount of \$8,000,000 from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the County Administrator be delegated authority to execute this application and all applicable award documents pursuant to this grant

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of November, 2009.

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Peter Sorenson, Chair  
Lane County Board Of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 10/30/09 lane county

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