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May 3, 2010

The Honorable Peter Courtney, Co-Chair
The Honorable Dave Hunt, Co-Chair
State Emergency Board
900 Court Street NE
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Salem, OR 97301-4048

Re: Retroactive Request to Apply – Competitive Grant – ARRA Funded
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) *Communities Putting
Prevention to Work* State Supplemental Funding for Behavioral Risk Factor
Surveillance System (OHA-PH-10)

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Public Health Division requests retroactive permission to apply for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) State supplemental funds for the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) for Federal funds of up to \$850,000 over two years beginning June 2010 and ending June 2012.

The funding is available through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The request for application was received April 21, 2010, and the grant application was due on May 14, 2010. This grant requires no state matching funds.

Agency Action

The CPPW is an unprecedented initiative to improve the health of our nation, improve the health outcomes of millions of Americans, with a focus to reduce risk factors, prevent/delay chronic disease, promote wellness in children and adults, and provide positive, sustainable health change in communities. Specifically,

Multnomah County Health Department was one of 44 communities nationwide recently awarded CPPW funds to implement community-level policy, systems, and environmental changes to achieve the following prevention outcomes among county residents:

1. Increase levels of physical activity;
2. Improve nutrition; and
3. Decrease overweight/obesity prevalence.

CDC has determined that supplemental funding for the BRFSS survey component of the CPPW initiative will be awarded to state BRFSS Coordinators through a competitive grant process, rather than being awarded directly to county health departments. Two programs within the Public Health Division, Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention (HPCDP), and the Center for Health Statistics (CHS) will participate in the CPPW project, with CHS serving as the project lead and main contact with Multnomah County Health Department. This supplemental funding will provide resources necessary to collect baseline and follow-up data on behavior outcomes specific to Multnomah County. In turn, this will assist Multnomah County Health Department in evaluating its progress toward changes in risk factor variables and health disparities. This program intends to hire three limited duration position; two part-time research analysts one full-time research analyst.

The CPPW supplemental grant furthers the OHA mission to assist Oregonians to become healthy and safe, through community-level policy, systems, and environmental changes that can affect health and reduce risk factors.

Action Requested

The OHA Public Health Division requests retroactive permission to apply for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) State supplemental funds for the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System for Federal funds of up to \$850,000 over two years. If awarded, the OHA Public Health Division will evaluate the need for additional expenditure limitation or position authority at a future Rebalance.

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Legislation Affected

None.

If you have any questions, please call Dr. Katrina Hedberg at 971-673-1050.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Scherzinger', with a stylized, cursive flourish at the end.

Jim Scherzinger
Deputy Director of Finance

CC: Linda Ames, Legislative Fiscal Office
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