



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2021

SUBJECT: Consideration of Chair Signature of Document No. 2021-689, Amendment to IGA with the Oregon Health Authority

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval and Board signature of Oregon Health Authority agreement #169509-1.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Agreement #169509-1 provides additional funding for the following Program Elements (PE):

- PE01-10 OIP–CARES - \$294,554
- PE13-01 Tobacco Prevention and Education Program - \$25,340
- PE40-05 Farmer’s Market - \$7,760
- PE43-01 Public Health Practice (PHP)–Immunization Services – \$3,142
- PE44-02 SBHC—Mental Health Expansion - \$57,500

The individual public health programs represented in this Intergovernmental Agreement, range from disease prevention and maternal child health to school based health centers, women, infants and children (WIC), bioterrorism preparedness, Safe Drinking Water Program and family planning. Each grant will have an associated set of program assurances that are the service and quality performance expectations connected with the delivery of the various components of the program itself. The funding attached to this two-year agreement is for year 2021-2022. Next spring, funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 will be provided by an amendment to this agreement.

EXTENSION OF 6.0 and ADDITION of 1.0 NEW FTE LIMITED DURATION POSITIONS:

As part of this Intergovernmental Agreement, additional funding in the amount of \$294,000 is provided for vaccine planning and delivery through PE01-10. By undertaking an analysis of the activities currently undertaken by each position and forecasting the likely needs in community support in the future, the department re-aligned positions to the most appropriate funding sources and timelines. See Appendix A for an overview of all COVID-related positions and expenditures by funding source through FY 2024.

Funds from the Department of Administrative Services (referred to as “Equity funds”) may be used through December 2021, funding through PE01-09 may be used through FY 2023, PE01-10 through FY 2024, and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) through December 2024 (but currently approved by the Board through December 2021). The Central Oregon Health Council (COHC) COVID funds are not time-limited. Each source has its allowed activities and unallowable expenditures.

Health Services requests the following current limited duration positions be extended and the addition of one limited duration position. These positions will ensure continuity of services in logistics and administration, fiscal, testing, contact tracing, investigation, wraparound services, community education and campaigns, and vaccine planning and distribution.

REQUEST	POSITION NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	FTE	ORIGINAL END DATE	REQUESTED END DATE
Extend	2835	SUPERVISOR HLTH SERV	1.0	6/30/2022	6/30/2023
Extend	2841	ADMIN SUPPORT TECH	1.0	12/31/2021	12 months hire
Extend	2936	SUPERVISOR HLTH SERV	1.0	12/31/2021	12 months hire
Extend	2843	PUBLIC HLTH ED II	1.0	12/31/2021	12 months hire
Extend	2838	PUBLIC HTH NURSE II	1.0	12/31/2021	12 months hire
Extend	2844	PUBLIC HTH NURSE II	1.0	12/31/2021	12 months hire
ADD	TBD	ADMIN SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1.0	-	24 months hire

Funding is specific to COVID-19 activities. The Local Public Health Authority must collaborate with local and regional partners to assure adequate culturally- and linguistically-responsive COVID-19 testing; case investigation and contact tracing; isolation, quarantine and wraparound services; infection prevention and control for high-risk populations; community education; and COVID-19 Vaccine Planning and Distribution.

The proposed allocation of funds is intended to address the acute needs of the community; strengthen trust and confidence in messaging, services and vaccines; and build stability and redundancy in our response to an unpredictable, protracted pandemic while also maintaining our normal responsibilities. The current pandemic will not only require ongoing emergency response for some months but also involve recovery efforts that extend beyond the direct health impacts of COVID-19.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

OHA Agreement #169509-1 adds \$382,012. If supported, a resolution and budget adjustment for extension will be placed on a future consent agenda. Additionally, the resolution and budget adjustment will increase appropriation in the Health Services Fund for all expenditures proposed in Appendix A; namely, American Rescue Plan funds, Equity funds, Central Oregon Health Council funds, and OHA Agreement #169509-1.

ATTENDANCE:

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